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offshore radio magazine, issue 76 is imminent. Send £2
now and ensure your copy is despatched the minute they
arrive from France..... 'Radio Caroline' by John Venmore
Rowland is a 1967 classic book, long deleted. We now have
a few copies available at £7 each.

NEW ARRIVALS: Three from last week (probably all were
caught up in the mail train delays of Friday).... Now Radio,
issue 110, with 20 x A5 pages of general radio news and
views from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northampton NN16
0NW.... Freewave, issue 170, with 24 x A5 pages of mainly
European radio news, but covering offshore also. Totally
in the Dutch language, details are from Hans Knot, Postbus
102, 9700 AC Groningen, The Netherlands.... Radiotex,
issue 151, with 4 X A5 sides of SW pirate logs and comments
covering the past couple of weeks. Details of this all English
news-sheet, from RT, c/o Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100
Duisburg 12, West Germany..... On to this week now and
first off, Play-DX, issue 551, the weekly 6 page news-sheet
from Italy has MF and HF long distance logs and international
news in English. Details are from Dario Monferini, via
Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... Now Radio, issue 111,
with 24 x A5 pages of radio news, mostly legal from P.O.
Box 45, Kettering, Northants NN16 0NW.

TAPE OFFERS: We hope to have some new recordings
of American stations very shortly, but to whet your appetites
we delve into the archives and take a listen to a station
from New York City which has since long disappeared, WXLO
FM or "99-X" as it was referred to on the air. This extract
features Al Bandero at the helm, and was broadcast on 20th
January 1978, some 11½ years ago. FM formats have changed
since then, as you will hear. This station had music ranging
from rock to soul, and was probably one of the first to take
the 'AM Top 40 sound' of WABC etc. to the FM band. One
thing of note is the lack of jingles, which was a feature
of FM stations back in those days. The idea was, if you
liked jingles etc. tune across to AM. This tape (SP-36)
is stereo and 90 minutes in length, and costs just £2.00
including first class postage and packing.

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RADIO STATION NEWS....EIRE:

Co. Dublin: The good news this week is that Radio Dublin
has overcome all odds, and is once again broadcasting on
all three wavebands. But first back to last week, where
late mail arriving Saturday brought forth our Dublin

colleague's recording of Sunday's (21st) 'station news' from
Radio Dublin (we missed it, as we lost track of time!). In
it 'Captain' Eamon Cooke commented on the usual aspects
of Irish radio. Short wave broadcasts from the station were
hoped to be resumed shortly, now that a SW transmitter
was in their possession, albeit only 40 watts in power. The
Robbie Robinson case was commented on and it is now
understood that he will appeal to the Supreme Court and
if he gets no joy there, will go to the Court of Human Rights
in The Hague, where, Eamon thought, he stood more of a
chance. Eamon continued by saying that he hoped no more
pirate stations would come on the air, in fact he appealed
to them not to, as it would only result in raids on Radio
Dublin, who they seem to make an example of, which doesn't
seem fair.

We paid more attention to time this week and duly noted
'station news' (Sunday 28th May). Eamon said there was
little to report, the station was active 24 hours a day with
live programming on medium wave and FM, but not yet
on SW, although they had the carrier on 6910. He hoped
to have audio on 6910 shortly, he continued. The forthcoming
election was mentioned, as was the communications minister,
Ray Burke, who he said he hoped would not get voted back
in. Newsreaders and additional deejays were required by
the station and he had his eye on one or two of the old team
from years back. He went on to mention Paul Vincent (not
Joe as we mentioned last week-Joe Vincent was in fact
a deejay on the shortwave station Riverside Radio) and how
he used to work on the station eleven years ago, in 1978.
Paul subsequently worked on many of the well known pirates
who today are only a memory. The current weekday line-up
is 08:00 Mike Wilson... 11:00 Paul Vincent... 14:00 Joe Doyle...
17:00 Ian Scott... 20:00 Alan Hunter... 01:00 John Reid.
Programme wise, some new adverts have been noted creeping
in and Paul Vincent has been holding a competition to win
a fish tank from the Tropical Fish Shop, which is currently
being promoted on the station. Bob Gallico's voice can also
be heard on an advert for Brendan Hyland newsagents. Mike
Wilson apologised for a short break on Wednesday morning,
which was due to a small fire at the station. This was quickly
put out, and programmes continued as normal.

The high pressure over the country last weekend resulted
in us receiving **Radio Dublin** on FM 99.97MHz., for the first
time since the loss of the original transmitters in the raids
of February. The 1188 AM transmitter continues loud and
clear, with just the odd hiccup now and again, which is
hardly surprising when one considers the conditions. A check
on the shortwave band on Tuesday (30th) lunchtime, brought
Radio Dublin on 6910kHz. The signal was weaker than
it used to be (much lower power being used), but this now
brings the station back onto all three wavebands, FM, MW
and SW.

Sunday afternoon (29th May) saw the appearance of the
now regular **Premier 212**, received here fairly clear, but
weakly, on 1413kHz. The microphone audio always tends
to be a little muffled compared to the music.

The appeal to the Supreme Court by Robbie Robinson
of Sunshine Radio has apparently caused the holdup, yet
again, of the two Dublin 'local' stations and until the outcome
is known here, nothing can go ahead. Meanwhile, Century,
the operator of the national station, say they will be ready
to go on air on Tuesday July 4th, however, according to
'The Irish Independent' of 26th May, they are still in
negotiations for a site in dockland for their headquarters
and broadcasting unit. Also they are encountering problems
with selecting a channel free from any interference (that's
not surprising!) and apparently the 891kHz. mentioned and
listed, is not now going to be used (probably due to BBC

Wales on 882). 1431 was the next to be selected, but again, interference from Luxembourg on 1440 at night, could be horrendous. The latest and probably the best they are going to come up with, is 1143. With just several lowish power American Forces Network tx's on there from Germany, the channel is fairly reasonable. A host of U.K. ILR's dwell next door, however, on 1152, and they won't be too pleased, especially the ones in Glasgow and Manchester. 1134 would have been out of the question because of the massive Yugoslavian at night (and in the day during winter!), plus the fact that a BBC Welsh relay of 882 exists on the next channel of 1125.

Outside the capital now, and Northside Radio are putting in a good signal on 846 AM, although we have not yet been able to receive the 98 FM transmissions. A promo seeking more advertisers advised such potentials to contact Northside advertising on Donegal (077) 82304. Also in Donegal, it appears that WABC has recommenced transmissions on 101.7MHz. We understand that a loop tape was being put out mid-week and that the station is requiring deejays to begin full programming. We checked this channel and were surprised to hear music ('Weekend' by Mick Jackson). This faded out before an ID could be made and nothing has been noted here since. Just over Lough Foyle, across the border, it has been reported that the owner of Riverside Radio is ill and the future of the station is not known. In the same area, TNR (Triangle Night-Time Radio - 98.5) continues to broadcast from Saturday night until Sunday afternoon. Finally in the north, a station called Cix 96 on 95.6MHz. has been operating at the weekends, in the Craigavon area of Co. Armagh. In Co. Monaghan, Radio Star Country on 981 AM can be heard loud and clear also, 24 hours per day.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

m.v. Sarah: With all sorts of speculation having been banded about for several months, we received the following information courtesy of Radio East Coast Commercial... "We have received some new information about the m.v. Sarah (formerly known as the m.v. Lichfield) which indicates that the ship has moved away from its previous anchorage, 4 miles off Long Beach, Long Island, on or about Wednesday 17th May. The ship is now berthed in Bangs Shipyard in Boston, owned by Peter Bangs. Peter tells us that he does not wish anyone to go anywhere near the vessel or the shipyard, nor does he want anyone to attempt to correspond with the shipyard, as happened when the m.v. Sarah was berthed there previously. The m.v. Sarah, a former ocean going fishing vessel, is now undergoing a transfer of ownership to a non-U.S. company called Mitsu Yama Investment Group, who will have a New Zealand address, and intend to rename the vessel 'Liberty 1', or in Japanese, 'Jiyu Maru'. In English, Jiyu Maru literally means Freedom or Liberty Ship, and Mitsu Yama means 'Three Mountains'. The original Radio New York International Incorporated still exists, but only as a corporation for the purposes of the continuing lawsuits in the American courts. Radio New York International does not own, or never did own the vessel that known as the m.v. Sarah - it was always owned by a completely separate group from the radio station."

m.v. Magda Maria: Still more pictures arrived last week but one, courtesy of Joris de Bruycker. One, taken on 8th May shows the inside of the ship, which at that time was just an open topped 'shell', with the engine awaiting removal. There were men inside, still stripping out the fixtures. One thing is for certain, there will be no more rumours about this ship setting sail to broadcast again. One wonders where the transmitters will end up? A question possibly asked previously... Was Radio Paradijs the shortest lived offshore station ever, in terms of hours broadcast?

The Voice of Peace: Thanks to Gali and Vered for news of the Voice of Peace for the month of May. On Saturday 6th May, when the Eurovision contest was being broadcast, the VOP had a 'Eurovision Free Zone' from 21:00 until 01:30. However this was broken at 01:30 when the contest finished, and Richard West played the winning song. On Monday 8th, non-stop classical music was played from 19:00 (with a silence from 20:00-20:19) during the memorial day for soldiers who died during the wars in Israel. The classics ended 24 hours later, on Tuesday, when Ricky Marks returned to the ship, and Ofer went on shore leave. More changes occurred on Thursday, when Dave Lee returned, with Kenny Page going ashore. Abie re-started his phone-in the same day after a several week break. Line-up at 14th May was... 00:00 Dave Lee... 03:00 Chris Massey... 06:00 Ricky Marks...

09:00 John MacDonald... 12:00 non-stop music... 13:00 Ricky Marks... 15:00 Abie Nathan... 17:00 Gil Katsir... 18:00 Chris Massey... 19:30... Dave Lee... 21:00 Richard West. Since Monday 15th May, the station has been suffering a lot of technical problems. That day they were off the air from 00:08 until 02:00, and later on the FM transmitter went off several times, along with the records slowing down. These were apparently just the beginning of severe generator problems. On Wednesday 17th May, Dave Lee celebrated his 23rd birthday, and during his 'Late Night Affair' show, the other deejays came in to sing him 'Happy Birthday'. There were more periods off the air, and this time even the AM went off. Ofer Nacshon returned on 17th, and Chris Massey left the station for good, after being aboard for two months. On Thursday 18th, the Peace Ship didn't broadcast at all during the morning, as it was in Ashdod. Programmes resumed at 13:30, with Kenny Page having returned from shore leave, relieving John MacDonald. The line-up on 21st was... 00:00 Dave Lee... 03:00 Richard West... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 Ricky Marks... 11:00 Ofer Nacshon... 13:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 Abie Nathan... 17:00 Gil Katsir with the Hebrew Chart... 18:00 Dave Lee... 19:30 Richard West... 21:00 Ofer Nacshon. More problems started on Tuesday 23rd May, with the records going slower and slower. Kenny stated that they were still doing maintenance. Abie missed his phone-in both 23rd and 24th due to being ill. As well as slow records there were several periods when the audio was also missing over those few days. Richard West went ashore on 25th, and John MacDonald returned, and at 21:02 Ricky Marks announced they were leaving the air for maintenance. In fact they returned after only 8 minutes. The line-up for the last week of May was... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Dave Lee... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 John MacDonald... 11:00 Ofer Nacshon... 14:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 Dave Lee... 18:00 Ricky Marks... 19:30 Ofer Nacshon... 21:00 Ricky Marks.

Radio Caroline: Friday (26th) and Saturday saw very rough seas, with periods when water was splashing across the insulator giving the resulting regular cutting out. Bank Holiday weekend saw Dave Fisher (00:00 Saturday) and Andy Bradgate (18:00 Sat + Sun) hosting shows, enabling reduced length shows. Comments heard about climbing high and hanging over the sea suggested that work was still going ahead on the masts. This seemed to be confirmed when on Tuesday morning the two medium wave could not be heard by us mid-morning. The shortwave outlet, whose aerial is connected to the front mast was unaffected. Caroline 558 was back on the air by 13:00. There was another break between 14:00 and 18:00 on Wednesday (31st). Early Tuesday and Wednesday morning saw continuous music between 01:00 and 05:00, as no deejay was available for shows. Thursday night saw some new voices on the station. At 01:00 Friday (2nd June) Chris Adams was heard. Chris mentioned that 'Max' would be on next (03:00), but his full name was not determined. As yet we are unsure as to whom has gone on shore leave, but Ian Mack and Nick Jackson were both on the air Friday morning.

Caroline 819: The excellent rock service was on every night, normally between 22:00 and 04:00, with Rob Harrison, Colin Muesli Bar and Philip John, with the usual Saturday off.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: Surprisingly little activity here over the holiday weekend, but with the DTI presence noted of late, maybe would-be broadcasters were wise to hang fire, so to speak. Radio Atlantis (1197) and Toxteth Community Radio (104.95) have been noted everyday, with the former operating from 10:00 till midnight and the latter 24 hours or almost, any breaks being in the very early hours of the day (usually about 04:00 till 09:00). Horizon Radio were reported as being heard on Friday 26th May on 102.2MHz. There were two presenters noted and the transmissions were in stereo. The following day, an unidentified signal was heard on both 102.2 and 101.5 in stereo. Both signals had gone by 20:18. Concept Radio (97.7) have been reported active for the past few Sunday evenings and are expected to be on air again tomorrow.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire: Yet more strange things happening in Leeds. After not being heard for a couple of weeks, the (105.1) blank carrier re-appeared on Sunday (28th) on 105.3, and later, several records were played. The signal remained blank until Tuesday (30th), when 'The Godfather' presented a programme announcing the station as Rapid FM. Since then, the carrier has also disappeared. A little further up the band, W.Y.B.C. has been operating

daily between 105.45 and 105.55MHz., occasionally in stereo. In Bradford, **Paradise City Radio** (104.9) has been heard daily, but we have no reports as to whether the two Asian stations (94.6 and 104.5) are operating as normal.

The unidentified station on 97.9 (heard with a Music Weekend Radio jingle last week), re-appeared as **Classic Music Radio** on Sunday night (28th May). The signal was in stereo, but no further details were given out over the air. Despite the recent bad publicity, **Sheffield Community Radio** (104.95-mono) were on the air each evening, with the exception of Thursday and Tuesday. Over the weekend, the station went 24 hours, with continuous programming from Friday night until the early hours of Monday morning. **Diamond Radio** (101.95-mono) programmes as usual on Friday and Saturday night, but started early in the afternoon on Sunday (28th). Finally in South Yorkshire, Bank Holiday Monday brought out Kenny Crescendo for a two hour epic on **Radio Britannia** (99.2-stereo), starting at 19:00.

Finally, in Hull, no signals have been reported, but during their last tx heard, **Radio Dolphin** (104.9) announced regular Tuesday programming. **Radio Takoradi** (105) were still on test. Thanks to Ken, Dave and Andy for all their information.

Nottingham: More and more advertising is appearing on **Heatwave Community Radio** who have now moved up slightly to 105.15. Programmes have been hard 24 hours per day, and three new presenters heard were "Spaceman", "Sly" and "Frenchy". In a recent court case, Heatwave were fined £300 plus costs, but had their costs reduced however, due to them having been overcharged by the court in a previous case.

The Midlands: **Freedom FM** was noted each evening up until Friday (26th) on 87.9. The station was not heard at all on Saturday, although continuous music was noted around 88.0MHz. On Sunday, a **Radio Freedom** appeared on 102.05 (announced as 102.0), and has continued on this channel all week. During a phone call to the station (0836 282391), which was heard in Rotherham, the deejay said they were not the same station that operated on 87.9.

Groove 94 FM (94.0) returned to the FM band on Friday evening 26th May. The deejay, Al Capone, was heard announcing the station as SGR - Super Groove Radio. Al Capone was previously heard on Quest FM. The station was noted again on Saturday and Sunday.

Daily broadcasts have been heard from **Metro FM** (104.95-stereo), **Powerhouse Radio** (105.4), **Power 92 FM** (92.1-stereo), **Supreme FM** (103.65-stereo), **WKS** (102.3), and **Skyline Radio** (94.25).

Over the Bank Holiday Centre Radio (99.25) were noted with their own programmes on Sunday and Monday, and **Radio WR** were noted on 97.95 during the early afternoon on Sunday. WR were also relayed on 6815kHz for a time, presumably by **Radio Orion**. **U.K. Radio** were heard on 1413kHz during Sunday as well as on 105.5, and very briefly on 107.0MHz. They were also relayed later on 6290 and 6815kHz shortwave. Monday saw **U.K. Radio** on the air once again on the usual medium wave outlet of 1413kHz. However they had changed the FM channel to 105.3 (possibly due to interference from Powerhouse Radio), but later this changed again to 105.7MHz. 6290kHz also relayed the programmes. Both **Sangam Radio** (89.8) and **Sabotage FM** (107.2) were noted on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Bank Holiday Monday. An Asian station which has been heard quite a lot recently, still has not had its name deciphered. It seems to vary in frequency between 105.35 and 105.6, with a name sounding like **Radio Midlands** ??? Could this be the same station reported as **Radio Milen** which has been heard most evenings recently on 105.6MHz? Finally, DJ Al Haquim of **Fresh 95 FM** appeared at Birmingham Magistrates Court on Tuesday 9th May, and was ordered to pay a total of £300. Thanks to Neal West and Anthony Page for this week's Midlands news.

London Weekend Survey : 22nd to 28th May 1989:

London emptied in the fine weather, and with the exception of 'The Muslim Marchers Meeting. The 'Met' and 'The Gunners' blowing up Highbury, there were few people around to even enjoy the monthly Saturday Night Classic Car Cruise around Battersea Park. This is an event that just cries out to have a special Cruisin' type station to come on, but despite claims to the contrary, and a number of very good close by sites, there has been no positive evidence that one has actually ever existed. With the start (hopefully) of a long hot summer, the few people who remained in town were treated to a plethora of stations, although there were a number missing

for one reason or another. Those that didn't make it for the all important weekend included the returned and up-rated **Euro-Jam**, **London Arab** (89.75-back briefly Friday night with a low powered, highly distorted signal), **Twilight** (91.65 - gone Monday, back late Sunday night), and **Crystal**, of which nothing was heard all week. On the other hand, missing at the start of the week, but back for the weekend were **Switch** (92.65), **Classic Community Radio** (94.3) and **Greek Community Radio** (104.35).

Plenty of action with new and returned stations popping up all over the place, including one curiosity on Monday night (22nd). This was a tape loop that turned up on 98.10, of overly sentimental pseudo religious country and western. It went around and around for a number of hours and then disappeared. The 98 sector was one of two very active sectors this week. **Asian Community Radio** turned up on 97.75 with considerably less power than had been employed when they were briefly on 89.75 a week or two back. Weekenders **Joy Radio** (97.85) also chose this weekend to make a comeback, but the two seemed to co-exist quite happily. **Green Apple** (98.3), presumed to be from somewhere in the depths of N London, have managed to vastly improve the quality and power of their signal. This is much to the discomfort of Saturday rockers **London Rock** (98.4). On Sunday, a powerful ghetto blaster called 98.6 (wasn't that the title of a song? - on 98.55) came on for the first time, with a lot of jazz and the harder edge of soul. A month or two back, there was an outfit called '96.9' on a similarly related frequency, but any relationship between the two is unknown. To complicate matters even more, The Mets appear to have re-activated their relay on 98.30. Finally in this sector, there is evidence that a new weekender will be putting in an opening appearance soon. Meanwhile at the other action centre of 105, regulars **Tropical Radio** (105.15) have been missing for a week, but Monday saw **Starlight Radio** (105.35) testing, interestingly with a number of sides from the **Cruisin'** series. Later they were to switch to soul and funk, but haven't been noted since. Friday saw **Future Radio** (105.45 - 105.50) on test, which involved frequent switching on and off, and fine tuning of the tx. They seem to be coming together, as they now have a studio pager, which probably indicates that a full time service is about to start. They were evident just as **Stomp FM** (105.35) were warming up the tx in readiness for an early start on Saturday morning, with a view to getting the maximum sound out of the long weekend. Fellow out-of-towners **Inner City Radio** (105.65) normally only come out to play on Sundays, but they were also up and running Saturday for a longer weekend. Their signal doesn't normally penetrate beyond the East End, so they weren't troubled by a strong stereo signal which came in the early hours of both Sunday and Monday morning, with a test tape loop of recent Top 40 tracks. As well as the debut of the powerful new '98.6', Sunday also saw the start of the equally powerful **Centre Force** (88.25) with a ghetto blasting mix of soul and funk. Saturday saw the brief return of occasional weekenders **Independent** (93.75-stereo), and also back after a break of over a week were **Community Radio Net** (90.70).

Asian Community Radio (97.75) have been on the move yet again. They held down the 103.35 slot, with a lend lease deal, while **Fresh FM** decided a low profile was needed for a few months. Fresh reclaimed the slot at the start of April, and ACR dropped down briefly to 97.75. They then moved right down to 89.75 for another brief spell, which was followed by a lengthy silence. Now they have turned up again on 97.75. This puts them very close to SE London's **Joy Radio** (97.85), but at the moment both seem to be co-existing. Asian FM's flyboy dj, 'Wicked Uncle', was in unfamiliar waters at one point on Friday evening, when he was called to present a show well away from his usual Bangra dance orientated style. He was sitting in on a show featuring Pakistani film music, which stretched his pronunciation of Hindi titles. When asked to read out a dedication in Hindi, he stuttered and stumbled through, and then at disgust at his own efforts, declared that he would not embarrass anyone with his efforts again.

Slot sharers **Q-102** and **Veronica Gold 102** (101.75), had their problems again with **West London Radio**, as it continued to drift wildly between 101.85 and 102.05. Q-102 made an early start on Friday evening, as did personality weekend soulsters **Starpoint** (93.25-stereo), and settled in for the long weekend. Q-102 have been developing some quite stunning (in stereo) station idents, which have obviously had a lot of work put into them. Sunday, and **Veronica 102** took over

for an extended twelve hour shift of golden grooves. However there was touch of *deja-vu* about the Gary Stevens show later that evening, when it sounded strangely familiar. Q were re-activated at midnight and continued right the way through Bank Holiday Monday. Heavy metal rockers **Radio Free London** (92.05) were suffering from a surfeit of engineering problems on Saturday 27th, but soldiered on regardless, with an interview with a band during a lengthened Nigel Grant show. Prior to this, gravel voiced Neanderthal Biker cum Hell's DJ, Arnold Brainbender had thrashed his way through two hours of musical mayhem, and black (not to say bloody) humour. Brainbender had decided to make his first public appearance on Bank Holiday Monday, and invited the listener to view the results - at the sixth accident on the left on the M25! A warm welcome back to weekend rockers **Radio Jennifer** (96.2) and also to knowledgeable rockette Clair Mansfield, who has been missing from the airwaves for far too long. Clair was last heard nightly, on the ill fated Magic FM project back at the beginning of March, while Radio Jennifer has not been heard since August 1988. Weekend rock radio is starting to look quite a bit healthier, with RFL and Rock FM slot sharing 92.05, London Rock continuing their cassette crusade on Saturdays, and will now be joined by the weekend spanning Radio Jennifer.

Stations heard this week were :- **Centre Force** (88.25), **Sunrise** (88.8), **London Arab** (89.75), **RJR** (89.95), **Rock-to-Rock** (90.25), **Supreme** (90.45), **CRN** (90.7), **Lightning** (90.9), **Twilight** (91.75), **Radio Free London** (92.05), **Rock FM** (92.05), **Switch** (92.65), **Starpoint** (93.25-st), **Independent** (93.75-st), **Lazer** (94.0), **Classic CR** (94.3), **City** (94.5 - st at times), **Radio Jennifer** (96.2), **Reflections** (96.9), **Asian CR** (97.75), **Joy Radio** (97.85), **Country & Western** (98.1), **Green Apple** (98.3), **London Rock** (98.4), 98.6 (98.55), **Q-102** (101.75-st), **Veronica 102** (101.75-st), **West London Radio** (101.8-102.05), **Medina** (102.3), **WIBS** (102.45), **SLR** (102.75), **Fresh** (103.25), **Peoples** (103.65), **Greek CR** (104.35), **Starlight** (105.35), **Stomp** (105.35), **Future** (105.45/55), **Top 40 Tape Loop** (105.6) and **Inner City Radio** (106.65). A total of 39 stations with 7 in stereo. Many thanks to Sid for spending his bank holiday glued to the radio set.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Apologies for drastically cutting last week's SW section down, but it was one of those weeks with lots of news and logs and very little space indeed. The main shortwave news this week is the return of Radio Dublin on 6910kHz. Carrier tests were made last weekend, but modulation commenced on Tuesday, and the station has been audible there ever since. Unfortunately 6910 suffers a lot from morse and other interreference, and the reduced power compared to previously, means that reception is difficult at times. Radio Dublin used to operate on 6930kHz at one time. This seems a clearer channel at present, so perhaps it might be an idea to move there for the time being.

Joe Vincent of Jolly Roger Radio, P.O. Box 39, Waterford, writes and tells us that the station has a set of six super-colour photo QSL cards. He sends samples and we must say they are very good indeed, well worth sending in reception reports for.

Log for Friday 26th May 1989:

6317kHz...**RADIO CONFUSION**, at 23:12gmt(G).

Log for Saturday 27th May 1989:

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 09:35gmt.

6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:39gmt.

Log for U.K. Bank Holiday Sunday 28th May 1989:

6215kHz...**RADIO CAROLINE 558**, at 00:25gmt.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 07:15gmt.

6230kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 08:05gmt(R)(M)

6230kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 09:07(H)(N)(G)(R)(M)(S).

6236kHz...**RADIO LASER INT.**, at 09:10gmt(H)(N)(G)(R)(M)(S)

6266kHz...**FREESOUND R. INT.**, at 09:42gmt(N)(G)(R)(M)(S)

6270kHz...**VOICE OF THE NETHERLANDS**, at 10:19gmt(M)

6273kHz...**RADIO SANTANA**, at 13:10gmt(R)

6277kHz...**TOTAL CONTROL RADIO**, at 09:16gmt(H)(M)(S)

6281kHz...**V.O.T.N. (QSO)**, at 11:10gmt(R)(M)(S)

6282kHz...**RADIO CALDONIA**, at 08:27gmt.(N)(R)

6282kHz...**RADIO CALIFORNIA**.(H.)

6282kHz...**CANZONI RADIO**, at 09:20gmt(H)(G)

6288kHz...**UK 212**, at 15:22gmt(R)(M)

6299kHz...**RADIO ORION**, at 10:06gmt.(N)(G)(R)(M)(S)

6299kHz...**RADIO ENGLAND**, at 11:02gmt(R)(M)

6319kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 08:25(H)(N)(G)(R)(M)(S)
 6319kHz...**'CRUISIN' SOLID GOLD'**, at 10:12gmt(G)(M)
 6319kHz...**W.L.R.**, at 12:02gmt(G)(R)(M)
 6319kHz...**K.C.T.**, at 12:34gmt(M)(S).
 6550kHz...**RADIO GLORIA**, at 11:43gmt(N)
 6814kHz...**WREKIN RADIO**, at 13:20gmt(M)(S).
 6814kHz...**UK 212**, at 15:22gmt(R)(M).
 6815kHz...**R. EAST COAST C.**, at 10:00(H)(N)(G)(R)(M)(S)
 6840kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 08:01gmt(R)
 6870kHz...**RADIO DUBLIN**, at 10:31gmt.(N)(G)(R)
 6870kHz...**UNDERGROUND SOUNDS**, at 12:01GMT(G)(M)(S).
 7280kHz...**UNID.**, at 09:06gmt.
 7360kHz...**RADIO EAST COAST HOLLAND**, at 07:50(H)(R)(M)
 7374kHz...**RADIO LUCE INT.**, at 07:37gmt(M)
 7374kHz...???? **RADIO INT.**(German), at 09.02gmt.(R).
 7435kHz...**RADIO STELLA INT.**, at 09:11gmt(G).
 7440kHz...**JOLLY ROGER RADIO**, at 06.10gmt.
 7440kHz...**RADIO WAVES INT.**, at 08:31gmt.(N)(R)

Comments from Blackpool:

The Conditions today on the 6MHz. band were quite good, but there were some quite extensive fades, all the same. The 7MHz. band was particularly bad, with the 6.8MHz. section, not much better. Nevertheless, all stations except one, heard by us, were identified.

The Logs in **BOLD** type are ours, others were kindly sent in by VOTN (H - heard on air), David in Norwich (N), Pete in Gloucester (G), Ken in Rotherham (R), Neal in the Midlands (M), Stuart in Staffs. (S).

The Signals: Once again, the two strongest signals were 6299 and 6319, with the latter, at one stage early on, being the only one audible of all the pirates, with the exception, of course, of WMR. 6230 and 6236 were very close again, but caused no problems to us. However, some less selective receiver owners would disagree. 6266 suffered at the hands of the usual authorised users in that section and was wiped out completely for a brief period, whilst 6270 was active with a whopping signal. 6282 was extremely weak at all times. 6815 suffered again from interference, and the operators on the 7MHz. vanished without trace later, although were hardly audible at the best of times.

The Programmes: BRI commented (or complained?) about the close proximity of RLI in an aired promo. RLI stated they would be on Monday from 9 till 12. Freesound said it was their first birthday broadcast. The VOTN made a quick (successful!) test and told us what he had heard on the band, presumably in Holland. He said Laser's signal was amazing and East Coast Commercial's incredible. Total Control were using the Waves address. The old 6282 mystery crops up again. We definitely heard several clear, but weak, identifications for Canzoni. VOTN said it was German and we agreed, but said it was California! Further reports said it was Caldonia. At least the 'Ca' bit was right! (again!). Falcon was weak but audible early. They announced test transmissions. Radio Dublin was relayed live at one stage on 6870, but later, old tapes were heard. This is not Radio Dublin's transmitter, merely a relay, from Underground Sounds. Radio Dublin themselves are understood to be almost ready to resume transmissions on 6910kHz., and have already carried out 'carrier' tests. Jolly Roger Radio were heard very early on 7440, for just 30 minutes. As the programme was about to end at 06:30, the tx switched off and nothing was heard on this channel until much later.

Finally, apologies to RECC for using the word 'relay' last week, when describing the former week's shows. The shows were all made for RECC solely.

Log for U.K. Bank Holiday Monday 29th May 1989:

6215kHz...**RADIO CAROLINE 558**, at 00:01gmt.

6215kHz...**WORLD MISSION RADIO**, at 11:09gmt.

6230kHz...**BRITAIN RADIO INT.**, at 09:22gmt.

6236kHz...**RADIO LASER INT.**, at 09:26gmt.

6267kHz...**RADIO SOUTHSEA INT.**, at 10:15gmt.

6288kHz...**UK RADIO**, at 14:33gmt.

6299kHz...**UK RADIO**, at 10:45gmt.

6317kHz...**RADIO CONFUSION**, at 09:46gmt.

6840kHz...**FALCON RADIO**, at 09:19gmt.

Conditions today were fair only, with much 'interference' from legal users of the band. Nothing was noted on the 7MHz. band, but with the holiday restricted to the U.K., this was possibly the reason.

Our thanks to everyone once again for all their help in compiling this edition of Weekly Report.

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The First with the News in Print

No. 265.....10th June 1989.....P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.....Tel: (0253) 882017.

Judging by this week's cuttings sheet, the ILR stations are getting quite paranoid and desperate in their lust for monopolies in each of their coverage areas. It is quite normal to have them complaining that 'pirate' stations are taking away their advertising revenue. This is despite the fact that most businesses using the 'pirates' as an outlet for their goods, could hardly afford to pay the high rates on ILR. With Atlantic 252 well advanced with its 1st September start date, the ILR stations have turned towards this as their latest scapegoat. Laser had a similar effect in 1984/5, and caused U.K. radio to improve itself in the face of competition. It transpires this week, that the Yorkshire Radio Network managing director is even frightened of competition from 8 to 11 year old schoolchildren, who have been granted a licence to operate from mid-June. The school would like to advertise local shops (it will only cover a two to three mile radius), presumably to pay for the equipment purchased for the project. Just to make sure they knew who was boss, a letter from YRN 'reminded' them of radio regulations. One wonders how British radio would react in a real competitive market? Perhaps the programmes would improve. This nicely runs into the last piece of our opener this week, in which we would like to thank Radio T.T. on the Isle of Man for some excellent rock and album music selections this week. T.T. Radio operated for the duration of the Isle of Man T.T. Races, using the Manx Radio medium wave outlet of 1368kHz. Manx Radio itself continued on FM locally (89.0 and 97.2MHz.). Perhaps they would like to carry on with the format, after all, it is not just bikers that enjoy a bit of rock!

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NEW ARRIVALS: All from this past week, we received firstly, *Activity Magazine*, issue 14, with 12 X A5 sides covering pirate short wave transmissions. Inside, a piece is devoted to each of the recent broadcasters, along with occasional short interviews. The details are from A.M., 3 Greenway, Harold Park, Romford, Essex RM3 0HH.... *Play-DX*, issue 552, from Italy, but mostly in the English language covers long distance logs from the MF and HF bands, along with international news. Details here, from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy.... << FRS * GOES * DX >>, issue 83, with 24 x A5 pages (in English) of radio news from around the world, plus part 3 of the Roger Matthews interview, 'Atlantic 252' - a special feature, Lex Harding interview and much more. The cost is 70p in cash, stamps or 3 x IRC's or \$1, from FRSH, Postbus 41, 7700 AA, Dedemsvaart, The Netherlands.... Now Radio, issue 112, with 24 x A5 pages of radio, mostly the licensed variety, the details being from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

TAPE OFFERS: Nineteen years ago this month saw a general election in the U.K. and with it, the return to the air (from the Mebo II) of *Radio Caroline International*. It was at this time that the British government was jamming the medium wave output from *Radio Northsea International*, which resulted in the station campaigning for the defeat of Harold Wilson. Shortly before the election, RNI changed its name to *Radio Caroline International*. On Sunday 14th June 1970, prior to the election, there was a free radio rally in Hyde Park and a special programme was broadcast that afternoon on the station. Tape SP-38 features a 90 minute extract from that afternoon, recorded from FM (with some crackles), with Carl Mitchell, Andy Archer and Mark Wesley all with contributions, and poor old Harold on the end of plenty of

stick. Cost is £2.00 inclusive of postage and packing.

FOR SALE: "Mi Amigo Tune" by Bronx. Despite being rather rare these days, we have come by yet another new copy. Price £5, but telephone us first to reserve same.

WANTED: We have a subscriber who needs the address of the U.S. magazine 'Radio and Records'. If anyone could help out here, we should be obliged to them.

FOR SALE: Sony ICF 2001D with power supply unit, excellent condition... £200 o.n.o. Further details from David Lamkin, 108 Wood Lane, Bramley, Rotherham S66 0UP.

WANTED: 'We Love The Pirate Stations' by Trinity. Record preferred. Write Neil Oakley, 56 Clare Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 2EJ.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Co. Dublin: Things seem normal here with *Radio Dublin* active daily on 100.0MHz., 1188kHz. and 6911kHz. More and more old names from the past keep being heard, but newsreaders are still being sought, to eliminate people tuning elsewhere for the news on the hour. 'Station news' with 'Captain' Eamon Cooke was caught on Sunday and he commented on how the time had flown and it was now six months since the close-down of most of the other stations. He saw no reason why they should not carry on in the absence of legal operators. Eamon mentioned the three channels and said he hoped to get the SW outlet back up to 1 KW, when he hoped the signal would get into some quite exotic places worldwide. He went on to mention again, the system of other (now defunct) stations taking airtime on Dublin, rather than coming on air themselves. Paul Vincent also went into detail about this possible way of former community stations getting back on the air using the facilities of *Radio Dublin*. They would be able to keep their previous name during their programmes. Address as always is... 58 Inchicore Road, Dublin 8.

According to the Sunday Tribune (4th), Robbie Robinson says he intends to go ahead with his Supreme Court appeal to pursue his case against the IRTC. Meanwhile, the article goes on, the IRTC is seeking a legal opinion to establish whether a Supreme Court challenge against them would further delay the opening of the two Dublin radio stations. News arriving subsequently informs us that such a move by Mr. Robinson could indeed delay this opening by as much as eighteen months. Whether this just applies to the Dublin ones, or countrywide, is not known by us at this stage. Apparently, some interview, comment or discussion on this could be aired on *Radio Dublin* on Sunday morning. We await further developments and will listen in eagerly.

Elsewhere in the city, very little, but noted as usual on Sunday afternoon (4th), was *Premier 212*, on 1413kHz. We noted them at 15:30, but they are understood to have been on since 12:00 playing non-stop classical music on 103.55MHz. Neither *Radio Martina* nor *K-104* were heard last weekend.

Co. Longford: Information reaches us from the midlands area of the country which tells us that a radio *Marconi 101*

is active each Sunday on FM (frequency not known). The format is local news, sport and history, along with easy listening music for twelve hours. They tell us that they have encountered no problems from the authorities.

Co. Donegal: The big news here is the official return of WABC with 20KW (E.R.P.) of power on 101.7MHz.FM., last Sunday. The station was always a favourite with its very professional programming, good audio and high power before it closed down last December, but it now appears to be Ireland's most powerful 24 hour (super?) pirate. Despite not being located on its original mountain top site, the signal is audible here in Blackpool during normal conditions, but it must be pointed out that its return coincided with the re-assembly of all our FM receiving equipment, which had been more or less out of action, hence our ability once more to receive these long distance 'catches'. Subscribers in south west Scotland should check this one out. Paul and Chrissie Bentley are once again involved and Paul tells us that they had a 'special' one hour programme before the official re-opening last Sunday morning. Apparently they were a bit disappointed with the way they closed down, although we thought it was very good, hence the extra effort with the re-opening. It would be nice to be able to offer a recording of this in 'Tape Offers' (hint, hint!!), giving others a chance to sample the station's output. We have no further details as yet, as regards station address or telephone number, but feel sure more will be forthcoming. The only other additional D.J. heard by us, was Barry Owler.

Still in the same county, Northside Radio were missing for a time early in the week. The station was noted here on Monday morning, but left the air some time after lunch. They had returned by Wednesday. Internal mis-understandings seem to have been the reason, but all is now back to normal.

Across Lough Foyle in the north, Triangle Radio was noted on 98.85MHz. on Sunday morning, and programmed until quite late. Unfortunately, their modulation level was reported as a little low.

Co. Monaghan: Little change to report here, with normal programmes noted at all times on 981kHz. from Radio Star Country.

Finally in Ireland, word just in (Friday) from a colleague in Dublin, informs us that the Atlantic 252 tower is now at 800 feet, with only two further sections awaiting erection. It is hoped to have these in position next week, weather permitting. Tests are scheduled to begin some time in late July / early August.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

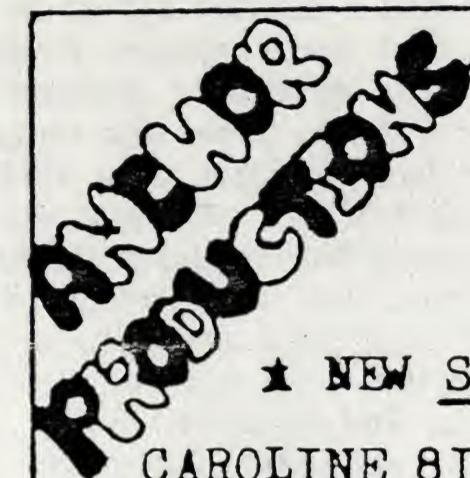
Caroline 558: A quiet week on the station with no breaks in transmission for aerial maintainance, however on the programming side, there were plenty of staff changes. Friday (1st June) saw two new members of staff in the line-up, which read... 01:00 Chris Adams... 03:00 Max Buchanan... 05:00 Ian Mack... 09:00 Nick Jackson... 13:00 Coconut... 16:00 Rob Harrison... 19:00 Philip John... 21:00 Chris Adams. The same staff presented all the weekend shows, as Andy Bradgate was amongst those who went ashore at the end of the previous week. Sunday evening at tea-time saw some rough seas causing a few cut-out problems. However these only lasted for a few minutes, and all returned to normal. A further reduction in staff occurred late in the weekend, with no replacements. Ian Miles, Ian Mack and Rob Harrison have all gone on shore leave. This has meant that all week, several jocks have been hosting two shows per day. The line-up for Tuesday (6th) was... 01:00 Max Buchanan... 05:00 Nick Jackson... 09:00 Coconut... 13:00 Chris Adams... 16:00 Coconut... 19:00 Nick Jackson... 21:00 Chris Adams. The line-up has followed this format throughout the week with the exception of 19:00 on Wednesday and Thursday, when Max filled in for Nick Jackson. Also, continuous music has been played from 09:00 until dinner time, since Thursday. During this time, just weather reports and station ID's have been given out. On Thursday, a Dutch presenter (possibly Colin Peters ?) gave out the weather at 09:30. Coconut also reads the news during the breakfast show, but normally uses the name Mike Dixon.

On Wednesday morning it was mentioned that listeners waiting for an autographed 'Top 1001' list from the station, after they had sent their RNLI donation receipt to the Spanish address, should be very patient. Apparently, the station has been overwhelmed with requests, which run into thousands, and it is taking a considerable time to get all the lists printed and sent off.

Caroline 819: Colin Muesli Bar went ashore late last week,

and this left Rob Harrison and Philip John hosting the 'Overnight Alternative' for six hours per night. On Friday and Saturday evening, Ian Miles filled in for a couple of 45 minute periods between the **Viewpoint 819** religious programmes, with rock music from Caroline 819. With Rob Harrison also going ashore at the weekend, this has left Philip John hosting the full service by himself, normally 5½ or 6 hours per night. This has obviously been the reason for his absence from the 558 service. The 6215 relay on Tuesday evening carried **Caroline 819** programmes.

The Voice of Peace: Abie was not heard at all with his phone-in during the last week in May. Ofer returned to broadcast on 1st June, following a few days of illness. Richard West was also back the same day. Just Dave Lee left for a few days ashore. The line-up on 1st June was... 00:00 John MacDonald... 03:00 Dave Lee... 06:00 Kenny Page... 09:00 John MacDonald... 11:00 Ofer Nahshon... 14:00 Kenny Page... 15:00 Ricky Marks... 17:00 Kenny Page... 18:00 Richard West... 19:30 Ofer Nahshon... 21:00 Richard West.



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LAND-BASED STATIONS

The Midlands: The DTI have been active here recently. First to go was Power 92 FM (92.15-stereo), who were last heard on Wednesday 24th May., and apart from briefly on 2nd June have not been noted since. Supreme FM (103.65-stereo) has not been logged since last Sunday (4th) although a noisy carrier is still evident. Skyline Radio has also not been noted since Sunday on 94.3, but were noted on 106.65MHz. on Thursday. WKS (102.3) went missing on Tuesday night, with technical problems. Freedom FM (102.1) had returned by Tuesday, after having been missing Saturday, Sunday and Monday. (They were also off for a short period on Friday due to a 'DTI scare'.) Since returning on Tuesday, the station has been asking for reception reports from Wolverhampton and Shropshire, indicating a possible location change. As all the above were disappearing, a new station called KNR appeared on 101.3MHz., giving out a telephone

number of 021 500 5273. Also new this week is BWR (Birmingham Weekend Radio) on 105.55MHz., making it rather a crowded area of the band. Centre Radio (99.35) was heard with programmes on Thursday evening (1st), and continuous music with no ID's were monitored over the weekend on the same area of the band. Daily broadcasts have been heard from Metro FM (104.95-stereo) and Powerhouse Radio (varying from 105.05 to 105.5 with several spurious emissions at times). At the weekend, Sabotage FM (107.2) and Radio Sangam (89.8) have been heard at various times. Sabotage FM have been announcing an address of... 36 Wallace Road, Oldbury, Warley, West Midlands B69 1HH. (This was formerly used by Starlight FM.) The unidentified Asian station (Radio Milen or Midlands) has been heard again, varying between 105.55 and 105.7MHz.

Nottingham: After a trouble free run of several weeks, Heatwave Community Radio (105.1) lost yet another transmitter to the DTI around mid-morning on Monday 5th June. The station was back on air with a replacement transmitter late on Thursday night (9th). Another station has been reported in the area, calling itself Centre Radio, and is broadcasting on 105.7MHz. The format is Top 40, and it is thought that low power is being used.

Merseyside: A report from Les. arrived rather late for last week's issue, but tells us that on Sunday 28th May, Radio Bedrock was heard on 98.0MHz., from around mid-day until 22:00, with Mike Roberts playing some rather good rock music. The station address was noted... Mike Roberts, Derby and Rathbone Halls, North Mossley Hill Road, Liverpool L18.

Concept Radio, again heard only locally on the same night, was 'next door' almost, on 97.7MHz., with Tom Webb, Jim Lowe and Keith. They gave out the address... Tom Webb, 18 Glynne Street, Orrell, Bootle, Liverpool L20 6DF. The station was also on the air on Sunday evening (4th June) in stereo.

North Coast Radio was noted testing equipment on 1350kHz., between 23:00 and 23:45 on Thursday 1st June. Their address is NCR, 112 Greenwood Road, Woodchurch Estate, Birkenhead, Merseyside L49 8HU. NCR (1350) were noted with full programming during the day on Saturday and Sunday, on numerous checks along the bands. No FM broadcasts were announced or monitored. Andy Davies is now reported to have left NCR, and joined Radio Merseywaves. The engineering is now understood to be being carried out by a former S.C.R. operator. Possibly in response to the return of Radio Merseywaves, and the two seven day stations, North Coast Radio began to operate daily once more, from this week. Programmes began on Wednesday at 15:50, and Thursday around lunchtime, in both cases running into the early hours. In a possible bid to pay for a seven day operation, adverts have been heard on N.C.R. (for the first time?) this week.

On Tuesday, we were delighted to note Radio Merseywaves, testing on 1242kHz. This was the first full broadcast for several months. Reception was a bit ropey due to time of evening, but we were able to distinguish the voice of Dave Collins, amongst others. They asked for reception reports to be sent to the mailing address of 126 Curlew Way, Moreton, Wirral, Merseyside L46 7SF. They were on again from mid-Wednesday afternoon, playing a continuous tape of oldies with Andy Davies and Kevin Jordan with occasional test announcements. Live programmes commenced later on. Signal was good that evening, and well over the top of foreign interference. Signal wise, in our area Atlantis and N.C.R. are both about the same, with Merseywaves having a slight edge. NCR and Atlantis have more treble than Merseywaves, however this is probably due to RMW not wanting to give Marcher Sound (1260) any cause to complain to the DTI in these early stages of its return.

Veronica 104 was heard briefly on Saturday morning, on 104.75, but faded away shortly afterwards. Low power, poor FM conditions, or both, could have been the reason for this. As a result, we obtained no programme schedule at all and indeed were not even sure if the station was active on Sunday. Apart from the above, the story remains the same in this area, Radio Atlantis (1197) and Toxteth Community Radio (104.9), both daily and with very good signals.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire. Three alleged members of Paradise City Radio (104.9-stereo) (one female and two male), were due in court on Thursday 8th June to answer various charges. As a result, PCR announced that they would be off the air for a substantial period on Thursday,

whilst the staff attended the case. It was expected that it would be adjourned to a further date. The two Asian stations Eastern Community Radio (104.5-stereo) and Asian Community Radio (94.6-stereo) are both reported to have been on daily.

In Leeds, Rapid FM (105.3) seems to have made another re-appearance, and W.Y.B.C. (105.5-mono this week) has operated daily.

Both Diamond Radio (101.95) and Sheffield Community Radio (105.15) have been on as normal. Diamond were noted with their regular Friday and Saturday night shows from 18:00-24:00, and now extended Sunday broadcast beginning earlier in the afternoon. Late on Sunday evening they were noted with a spurious signal on 107.85MHz. In the same area, S.C.R. have been noted every night (from about 18:00) with the exception of Tuesday and Thursday. They have moved up frequency slightly from 104.8 to 105.15 (done on Friday night whilst still on the air!), and are now getting out much better. They are requesting sacks of mail to be sent to their new mailing address of... S.C.R., P.O. Box 481, Sheffield S1 3DS. Several adverts have also crept into the programming this week. Radio Britannia (99.2-stereo) took advantage of the quiet band on Tuesday, and a two hour programme was put out between 19:00 and 21:00. This should now be a regular spot for Kenny Crescendo to be heard across the airwaves of South Yorkshire.

Across in Derbyshire, we understand that North Midlands Radio (105.5) has been on the air during the past few weeks. However, possibly due to a few problems, the signal is not getting out as well as it used to.

LONDON SURVEY - 29th May - 4th June 1989.

Bank Holiday Monday saw a number of stations staying on air for the extra time. Q 102 (101.75 st.) came up as VERONICA GOLD finished and ran on for the rest of the day, as did fellow weekenders STARPOINT (93.20 st.), out of towners STOMP FM (105.35) and INNER CITY RADIO (105.65). Rockers, RADIO JENNIFER (96.20) remained on air overnight into the Bank Holiday Monday with a tape loop, but didn't go live again during the day. Several stations disappeared at that stage for presumed technical reasons. Both CRYSTAL (92.30) and TWILIGHT RADIO (91.65) have chequered records lately and they continued this week, with Twilight going out on Monday and not being heard since, and Crystal making a brief appearance in the early hours of Tuesday morning before finally getting their act together on Saturday 3rd June. LONDON ARAB (89.70) have also sorted out their difficulties and are now back on the air, 24 hours a day, albeit in relatively low power that restricts them to central and east London. TROPICAL (105.05) are another station with a chequered career, who also made an appearance in the dying hours of Sunday 4th June, having been missing for a couple of weeks. Finally back after a lengthy break since the middle of April are east end weekenders, STAGE FM, who were suffering with power supply problems at their new S.E. London transmitter site, back in April. These are now believed to be resolved and they are back with a big signal. Of the foreign language stations, GREEK C.R. (104.40) has remained on air fairly consistently over the last few weeks, which is more than can be said of either ASIAN C.R (97.75), who went on the missing list after B.H. Monday, and LONDON ARAB (89.70), who are now back and appear to be improving their record.

With the exception of the weekenders extending their show through to Monday, there was only one Bank Holiday Special Eventer and that was CITYSIDE (98.20 st.) who may have been responsible for the crazy c & w tape of the previous weekend, but who came up in the early hours of B.H. Monday with a test tape loop of oldies. They didn't identify themselves until a few hours later, when they finally got the stereo up and working. The name 'City Side' was last used as the successor to 'New' Hits-FM a few months ago. This crew were of that loose confederation of part time pirates from around S.E. London and have come up under various names in the past year or two, but are usually associated with Direct Line Radio. Amongst several familiar names was that of Pete Brown, who is a veteran of the ill fated Raiders-FM / Magic FM venture. Popular Peter was in usual form and was even giving away a couple of CD's on a phone-out quiz.

Returned rockers RADIO JENNIFER (96.20) had been anticipated to be on for the whole weekend, but events proved otherwise and they were only able to manage Sunday afternoon and evening. Despite still being plagued with a heavy hum, their signal is slowly improving and they are a welcome

addition to weekend rock radio. RADIO FREE LONDON (Sats. 92.05), as well as having a phone contact line and a new pager, have now got a phone out line. No direct contact with the studio for in-coming calls for obvious reasons (they now appear to have stopped baiting the DoTI Men by telling them where they are), but live chats on air are taking place. The inaugural call was to Barry Morgan of fellow slot sharers ROCK-FM (Suns. 92.05). Earlier, Hell's D.J., Arnold Brainbender was back from his previous weeks personal appearance at the sixth road accident on the left, on the M25 and had been explaining that he had to cut out early from the previous week's show, because of a report that the Brainbender personal transport was being fiddled with. He has since devised a security system for the bike which would entail any would be unintended joy rider finding sparks leaping from parts of his body that he would rather not be reached. ROCK FM, for their part, have been warming up the airwaves at times other than their normal Sundays. Living up to their slogan of 'good music on at least one day in every week' (and using the New Seekers track of the same name as a musical bed), they were heard on Tuesday evening and into the early hours of Wednesday. As well as that, they took over when RFL left the airwaves in the early hours of Sunday morning with a tape loop to keep the slot warm until they went live at just after 10am.

Starting the weekend with Q 102's Joe Walker could be fraught with danger in more ways than one. Were bored 'Q' listeners, with nothing better to do at the time, than to follow through on his suggestions, then the weekend could possibly end in jail. He suggested that it might be fun to go to your local friendly record dealer and steal a cover to the latest 'The The' album from the racks. Then proceed to cut out the life size mask from the front cover. Once this is done, fix it over the head, and sit in a photo booth, and while waiting for the pics to come out, occasionally stick your head outside the curtains to frighten any passing kids! A course of action guaranteed to make anyone the centre of the local nicks attention.

While Q-102 bowed to the inevitable and dropped another half slot to 101.70, in response to the wandering West London Radio transmitter, seeming to finally stabilise around the 101.85 mark, VERONICA GOLD 102 still went out on 101.75 on Sunday. The result was that they suffered with major problems from the sidesplash thrown up by the powerful Harlesden ghetto blaster.

The perils of being a privateer jock are many, as one LAZER (94.0-stereo) jock found to his cost recently. The mobile phone in the studio had been used so much, that no-one had put it back to re-charge the batteries, but he was not to be outdone. Rather than take it out of service, he preferred to leave the phone in service with the battery warning light flashing away, while he told his audience they would only have time to give their dedication before the battery cut the caller off again. Ah well, such are the vicissitudes of life for the privateer jock.

Stations heard this week were :- CENTRE FORCE (88.3), SUNRISE (88.8), LONDON ARAB (89.7), RJR (90.0), ROCK-TO-ROCK (90.20), SUPREME (90.45), LIGHTNING (90.9), TWILIGHT (91.65), RFL/RFM (92.05), CRYSTAL (92.3), SWITCH (92.65), STARPOINT (93.2-stereo), LAZER (94.00-stereo), CLASSIC COMMUNITY RADIO (94.3), CITY RADIO (94.5), RADIO JENNIFER (96.2), REFLECTIONS (96.9), ASIAN COMMUNITY RADIO (97.75), JOY (97.85), STAGE (98.0), CITYSIDE (98.2), GREEN APPLE (98.3), LONDON ROCK (98.4), '98.6' (98.55/65), Q-102 (101.70/75-stereo), VERONICA 102 (101.75-stereo), WLR (101.85 nominal), MEDINA (102.3), WIBS (102.45), SLR (102.75), FRESH FM (103.25), PEOPLES (103.65), GREEK COMMUNITY RADIO (104.4), TROPICAL (105.05), STOMP FM (105.35), FUTURE (105.45) and ICR (105.65). A total of 39 stations of which 5 were in stereo.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Log for Saturday 3rd June 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:50gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 23:30gmt.
6273kHz...UNID., at 12:37gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:52gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:45gmt.

The unidentified on 6273 was possibly Triangle (Night-time) Radio, as they suffer from a very quiet microphone, whilst everything else is quite audible.

Log for Sunday 4th June 1989:

6203kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 10:25gmt(M)(N)
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 02:45gmt.
6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 07:29gmt.
6230kHz...RIVERSIDE RADIO, at 07:50gmt(M)(R)
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:07gmt(M)(G)(R)
6230kHz...RADIO TITANIC, at 10:00gmt(N).
6239kHz...PREMIER RADIO INT., at 11:50gmt(M)(R)
6250kHz...UNID., at 08:28gmt(M)(G)
6250kHz...RADIO FREEDOM INT., at 10:28gmt(M)(N)(G)(R)
6273kHz...TRIANGLE (N.) RADIO, at 13:07gmt(M)(G)(R)
6275kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 09:34gmt(M)(N)(G)(R)
6295kHz...UNID., at 08:50gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ENGLAND, at 11:01gmt(M)(R)
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 13:08gmt(M)(G)(R)
6814kHz...RADIO ORION, at 08:07gmt(M)
6814kHz...RADIO ORION, at 13:45gmt(G)(R)
6814kHz...RADIO ENGLAND, at 14:17gmt(G)(R)
6815kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00(M)(N)(G)(R)
6870kHz...UNDERGROUND SOUNDS, at 11:11gmt(N)
6911kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO, at 07:53gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:02gmt(M)(N)(G)
7310kHz...UNID., at 10:27gmt(R)
7375kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 07:40gmt.
7375kHz...UNID. (German), signed off at 08:50gmt(R).

Comments from Blackpool

The Conditions today were far from good, but in line for the time of year, in fact for the past four weeks they have gone down from 'excellent' to 'not quite as good', 'quite good but with fades' to today's 'poor'. There were extensive deep fades at times, mid-morning, but the conditions picked up a little during the afternoon. The 7MHz. band was hopeless again, with the 6.8 section very weak indeed.

The Logs in **BOLD** type are ours received in Blackpool. Other loggers kindly supplied their haul and they are marked accordingly.... Neal in the Midlands (M), Dave in Norwich (N), Pete in Gloucester (G), Ken in Rotherham (R),

The Signals again started off OK, but soon deteriorated, leaving very little for us to hear at times. The strongest without doubt was 6275, which is quite amazing when one considers it is only operating with 10 watts! (We are informed). 6230 was most consistent although not quite as strong. 6299 was as usual, quite good. 6815 was very weak indeed. The recently active and notably strong 6319 transmitter from SFBS was conspicuous by its absence today. Heterodynes were noted around 6230 and 6275 and the reason for these transpired later, with two stations operating very close to each other in each case. 7310kHz was also very strong in our area.

The Programmes: Tonair was weak but fairly audible and suffered little splatter from 6215. All the same it was extremely difficult to ascertain the station name, due to the accent and speed of speech of the DJ. Riverside Radio was thought to have been a taped show, possibly an old one, via Jolly Roger. The latter carried no relays and was noted all morning. Premier was very weak. Freedom said they had not been on the air for five years and gave out the following mailing address.... Department R, 37 Elm Row, Edinburgh EH7 4AQ. TNR was not noted by us until after lunch and it is not known if they were active earlier, although the heterodyne heard on Laser suggested they might have been. They gave out an address for advertisers... ??? Hotel, Strand Road, Portstewart. Again, the microphone level was extremely low. Laser announced the move to the new channel in order not to obstruct other operators in the 6230 region. Dublin played WMR tapes early on, but when they finished, dead air was noted for a rather lengthy period. The unidentified on 7310 was very strong, and was playing continuous music, and was still doing so when we had stop listening, and so we are not sure if any identification was given later on.

Actually, quite a disappointing haul today, but with poor conditions, we were denied the chance to hear quite a number. The highlight was possibly the continued 'brightness' of Laser programming, and comments have been made on this.

Log for Irish Bank Holiday Monday 5th June 1989:

6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:30gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 10:15gmt.

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The usual thanks to all contributors involved once again this week and apologies for the quality of the print, especially the bold type - a fault on the printer has developed.

The WEEKLY REPORT

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The First with the News in Print

No. 266.....17th June 1989.....P.O. Box 539, BLACKPOOL FY1 4RE, England.....Tel: (0253) 882017.

Radio Tara Ltd., operators of the new long wave service, Atlantic 252, issued a glossy A4 booklet last Wednesday (14th), entitled "The Future of Radio-An advanced party on the road to reform - Atlantic 252" in response to those who have recently been questioning its proposed exploitation of the long wave band. It calls on the British Government to accelerate and extend its plans for the de-regulation of radio in the U.K. The report identifies the U.K. as one of radio's 'final frontiers'! The booklet certainly 'throws down the gauntlet' to those responsible for the current state of radio in the U.K. and one eagerly awaits the Government's (and the various panicking ILR station's) comments on this. Further study of the booklet will be undertaken and comments will be made subsequently (by one and all), but in the meantime, interested parties (ie. those involved in radio, the reporting of, the future of and the likes, should send for a copy without delay and make their comments known. Write Nick Fitzherbert of Simpson, Fitzherbert Berman Ltd., Chelsea Chambers, 262A Fulham Road, London SW10 9EL....Tel: (01) 376 4711, requesting same.

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NEW MERCHANDISE: Seeing that it is very hot (well it is here!), we thought we would go mad and have a special offer on T - Shirts for a limited period of about a month.

THREE T - SHIRTS FOR JUST £10! Yes that's right, three, not two (or even one!), three! Send us £10 and your size (this is important) and we will forward by return, either three of our choice, or of your choice, but in the latter case, please check current sales list for what is available and please state a couple of alternatives, as some designs are running very low indeed. Presently in stock... Laser 558, Laser 'Hot Hits' 576, Caroline 558/Monique 963 (ship logo), Caroline 319, Caroline 576/963 (round multi-colour sticker logo), Anoraks U.K. and Monique (large logo).....
Offshore Echo's, issue 76 is now in stock. 64 x A5 pages of offshore radio news, interviews (with Caroline engineer, Mike Watts and former RNI D.J., Mike Ross), lots of photos and much more. For your copy, send £2 and avail now of Europe's leading free radio magazine. We also stock many back issues (see merchandise list for exact details), also the French language version, which has extensive shortwave and French FM sections. This also has 64 pages and costs £2.00. Please note that due to administrative reasons, Offshore Echo's is moving its head office from Blackpool (main distributor) to London (editorial office). Subscriptions, orders for Offshore Airchecks tapes, letters to the editor, etc., should now be sent to Offshore Echo's, P.O. Box 1514, London W7 2LL. We shall still be selling the magazine as before along with the back issues, plus much of their own produced merchandise, they will basically handle the subs. and the tape orders.

NEW ARRIVALS: From last Saturday, Radiotex, issue 152. Just 4 x A5 sides of pirate short wave logs and news. Write RT, Duempter Strasse 6, D - 4100 Duisburg 12, West Germany for details. On to this week and first to arrive Monday morning, Contact, the monthly publication of the World DX Club, vol 26, No. 6. The June issue, packed with logs, news and features, is a bumper edition for Contact subscribers, and non-members may like to take this opportunity of sending

70p for this issue as a sample copy to Arthur Ward, 17 Motspur Drive, Northampton NN2 6LY. Highly recommended.....
Play-DX, issue 553, the weekly news-sheet from Italy, has 6 x A4 sides of long distance logs and news, mostly in English. The details are from Dario Monferini, via Davanzati 8, 20158 Milano, Italy..... from Germany, CLCG Magazin, issue 143, with a thick wad of A4 sheets of relevant radio news (totally in the German language) from Europe, mostly focusing on Germany, but including offshore and pirate short wave. Details from CLCG, Postfach 54 01 01, D-4100 Duisburg 11, West Germany..... Communication, the monthly journal of the British DX Club, edition 175 arrived packed with logs, as usual, in its 28 x A5 pages. Features include the latest guide to DX programmes, member's news, mailbox, DX news, bookshelf, alternative airwaves (the pirates) and much more. Send for details today to the club secretary, Colin Wright, 54 Birkhall Road, Catford, London SE6 1TE....
Now Radio, issue 113, the weekly radio read from Kettering has 28 x A5 pages of news, views and useful addresses. Details from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW....
Freewave Magazine, issue 180 has 24 x A5 pages (all text in the Dutch language) of European radio news, including offshore and satellite, along with photos of the end of the Magda Maria. Details from Hans Knot, Postbus 102 9700 AC, Groningen, The Netherlands.

WANTED: All copies of 'The Medium' (Irish Radio Movement), all newsletters from F.R.C. Ireland and Sound Alternative, issues 10 and 11 (also from FRCI). Originals preferably, but copies will do. State price, contact Ian c/o A-UK.

RADIO STATION NEWS...EIRE:

Co. Dublin: With the European and national elections due to take place on Thursday, 'Captain' Eamon Cooke in his 'station news' on Radio Dublin last Sunday (11th), urged everyone to vote, but pointed out the mess the radio situation was, and asked people to bear this in mind when going to vote. In particular, the constituents (in Dublin North) of the Communications Minister, Ray Burke, were asked to ponder before voting for him, bearing in mind what he has, in many ways, been responsible for, as regards radio. A new communications minister may be the answer, but Eamon could think of no one suitable for the job. He then went on to say that he does not like bringing politics into radio normally, but added that this was not normal radio! We understand he will be in attendance at the polling booth in North Dublin on Thursday campaigning for some action in this respect. Eamon continued by saying he thought that Radio Dublin would carry on at least until the end of the year, without any major problems, and with this in mind, was re-building the studios (wrecked by the 'raiders' in February).

The Radio Dublin court case is expected now to be heard much later in the year, as is the Robbie Robinson case and as regards the latter, this move could now hold up the start of any Dublin 'local' stations for up to two years. Some now even think they will never make the airwaves at all. The national station, Century *, due to surface on 1st May, then 4th July, now abounds in rumours of 1st October as their target date! Back to Radio Dublin though, and funds are still being sought (and received!) to pay for the upcoming

court case. Eamon commented about how one chappie popped into the station in the week, handed them £100 and vanished before anyone could even take his name. Taped shows are still being sought for playing overnight, so if anyone feels they can be of assistance, please forward them to Radio Dublin, Dublin 8, Eire. Also, reception reports for the 6912 and 1188 transmissions are being sought. Again, they can be forwarded to the above address.

Remaining on the subject of radio stations-to-be, it certainly looks like Atlantic 252 are going to be the first on air from Ireland. Already one can feel the excitement building up.

A question we asked recently about whether Premier 212 and the short wave station Premier Radio Int. were connected, prompted this reply from our colleague in Scotland.... 'I don't think the two are the same, the former appears to be operated by Greg Townsend and Dave Jackson, who were involved with a station called Premier Dublin Radio which operated in 1981 on some Sundays, from 10:00 till 21:30, on 217m. Aidan Hughes and Peter Gibney were also involved. The latter (PRI) is operated by Jimmy St. Ledger (ex Radio Dublin) and has operated irregularly on short wave since 1981. These too operated on medium wave, 222m, in 1981, Monday to Fridays, 09:00 till 14:00, but were different from Premier Dublin Radio.'

An announced P.O. Box address for **Radio Martina** printed recently, is not operative, we now learn, and mail should not be sent there. They were active on 103.95 on Bank Holiday Monday 5th June. K 104 have changed frequency to 104.45 and apparently the signal is not as good, making identification difficult. A **WABC** was noted on the morning of 11th June, on 106.2. The same correspondent tells us that numerous unidentified stations have been heard on the FM band during the night, recently, also there is a certain amount of activity taking place around one former pirate station's mast and transmitter site. Circulars are being received by ex listeners of ICBS, who are looking for a Christian Radio Licence. They are, of course, seeking donations.

.....*.....The address for Century Radio is..... St. Stephens Green House, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin 2... tel: (01) 769073/4/5/6.

Co. Donegal: A letter from our colleague in west Scotland reads....'WABC FM are heard well here, even in stereo at times. Programmes are of the high standard we have come to expect of them. Already lots of requests are noted and a few commercials too. Current line-up is.... 07:00 Paul Bentley, 11:00 Krissie, 14:00 Barry Owler, 17:00 Happy Harry, 20:00 Dan Ingram. The station probably goes into automatic tape mode overnight (we listened on Tuesday evening and the station played American tapes after 22:00-Ed.) :

Over on **Northside Radio** last Saturday night, station manager, Francis Callaghan, was heard to welcome WABC back and ask where they had been for the past six months! A cassette, 'Stars of Northside Radio', is being offered for sale on air, on which several of the D.J.'s sing their favourite country and Irish songs. The cost is £5, from Northside Radio, Redcastle, Co. Donegal. The station continues to hold dances at various locations, the proceeds of which go to the Northside court case fund. Current line-up is... 07:30 Mickie Henry, 10:00 Mickey Bradley, 13:00 Francis Callaghan, 16:00 D.J. Wes, 19:00 to close-down at 01:00 various".

Rather good FM conditions mid week brought us our first real taste of good radio again, with some splendid spells of excellent reception from WABC on 101.7. The station does have a certain liveliness about it, no doubt helped by quite heavy compression and some rather good jingles, which one does not seem to hear as much these days. With conditions up, we took the opportunity to check their claims of high power by tuning to the nearby Donegal transmitter of RTE on 99.3. This transmitter is situated quite high (whereas WABC are only at 250 feet above sea level) and claims 2KW ERP. As expected the signal was rather hissy and weak unlike the higher powered WABC one. If the latter could only manage high transmitter site, heaven only knows how far the signal would get! The current station address remains... WABC, The Lodge, Greencastle, Co. Donegal.

Co. Louth: No sooner had we gone to print last Friday afternoon, than a call from Dundalk alerted us to activity on the AM and FM band there. Classical music was being noted on 1152kHz., 98.5 and 107.0MHz. We quickly tuned

that way, but a very active 1152 (lots of ILR activity) didn't exactly help, although eventually we noted the aforementioned music. This continued and we persevered and got a better signal and around 17:00 the music suddenly changed and a familiar voice announced '..this is **Summertime Sound** on 261m and 98.5 FM, playing oldies and Irish...'. The station must have just surfaced at that moment, but to listen it seemed it had never been off (only the announced name was new), with mentions for people and half hour segments of the show being sponsored by various organisations. The familiar voice was that of 'Jolly Ollie', one of a number of names used by this well known local personality /entertainer. The station was also noted over the weekend, but not subsequently, suggesting they may be operating weekends only, as they did fairly recently.

Co. Monaghan: Just **Radio Star Country** on 981kHz., seven days a week, 24 hours a day, playing mainly adverts, but also featuring some country music in between (!). Actually, it's not that bad, but they do have a lot of adverts but who can really blame them for this, for who knows how long it will last, plus the fact that they are the only station on air now, 'in an area once served by over a dozen stations' (according to the promos). Advertisers must be queueing at the studio doors!

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

Caroline 558: After a week of being short staffed, during which presenters had to host a couple of shows each day, the weekend brought some relief in the form of the return of the well respected Dave Richards (breakfast) and Nigel Harris (mid-morning). A new voice has also been noted during the evening, but due to other commitments we have failed to obtain his name (Sean?) or a full line-up. It was envisaged that the station would be off the air for several days last week, in order that the aerial engineering be finished. This was apparently the reason for the reduction in staff. Unfortunately however, things didn't go quite as planned, and it wasn't until this Wednesday that the station left the air. It was hoped that one extra section could be fitted, to bring it to a height of sixty feet. All three transmitters were switched off in order for the work to be done. The increased height brings the tower very close to the aerial array, strung between the existing masts. Thus, it was thought there may be a reduction in signal strength from now on, until the new system is fully completed. However, it sounds quite well to us at time of writing (Friday lunchtime).

We hope to have a full Caroline section next week.

m.v Communicator: For those wondering what is going on, we have no new information at present. The ship is still anchored in the same position, and the masts are not though to have been touched as yet.

m.v Narnel: Thanks to a recent visit to Santander by two of our readers, we know that the mast was finally erected on the ship two weeks ago. It was lying along the quay, and was seen hoisted into position by three cranes (two very large ones). At last look, the mast, thought to be 234 feet high, was being guyed. No-one was allowed on, or inside the ship to see what work had been done there. According to Now Radio this week, the ship had to come back to port after only 30 minutes out at sea, as the mast came loose. We await further news on this very lengthy venture.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: With four stations active daily last week, it came as no real surprise to note a further broadcaster last Friday afternoon. Again, a call from the area alerted us to the transmissions on 99.2 which identified themselves as **Mercury FM**. An address was noted but not completely copied.... 1 ??? Avenue, West Kirby.... At the same time, we could also hear, very weakly, **North Coast Radio** on 105.1MHz. This was in parallel with the medium wave outlet. It is not known whether this was an 'official' NCR outlet, or someone simply relaying them from medium wave.

The weekend activity included **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.9-stereo), **Radio Atlantis** (1197), **North Coast Radio** (1350) and **Radio Merseywaves** (1242), although the latter's programmes seemed confined just to the afternoon and evenings.

Monday (12th) saw **Toxteth Community Radio** (104.95-stereo) and **Radio Atlantis** (1197) with their regular daily output. **North Coast Radio** (1350) and **Radio Merseywaves** (1242) were not noted until the evening. Tuesday saw the latter two active by tea time, with Dave Collins mentioning on Merseywaves that they were back on after equipment removal(???). On Wednesday, **North Coast Radio** went into operation at 16:00. The stations have followed

this pattern all week. No others have been noted.

Renfrewshire: The DoTI Men have been active in this area, with **Chaos FM** (103.55) being subjected to a raid at 23:28 on Wednesday 7th June. It is reported that all studio equipment was removed, but that that transmitter was left! An unidentified station playing pop music, was heard on Friday 2nd June, on 104.5MHz. Also heard last weekend, was **Northside Community Radio** on 103.55. This is their own transmitter, which has been moved up from 103.25MHz.

Nottingham: **Heatwave Community Radio** returned with regular programmes with Mr. Majestic, at 07:00 Friday 9th June. The programmes followed several hours of carrier and modulation tests. The station has been heard every day since, on 105.15, in stereo.

Yorkshire, Humberside & Derbyshire: Diamond Radio failed to appear last weekend, but deejay Eddie Murphy was given several mentions on **Sheffield Community Radio**, so perhaps the two stations have merged. S.C.R. itself operated 24 hours across the weekend, as well as every evening except Tuesday (13th). They have settled once again on 105.1, after being up at 105.25MHz at the weekend, when the power was also down, suggesting the tx was not tuned properly. Kenny Crescendo's **Radio Britannia** (99.2-stereo) was active for two hours on Tuesday evening between 7 and 9pm, taking advantage of the absence of S.C.R.

Further north, in Leeds, **Rapid FM** have been active daily on 105.25, although the promotions still advertise 105.1. The station seems to be a one man operation, as the only deejay heard is 'The Godfather'. **W.Y.B.C.** (105.65) has also operated daily, and has been giving out an address of... Flat 3, Cowper Street, Leeds 7. In Bradford, **Paradise City Radio** did not appear to go off the air as expected, for the court case. They were noted off for a time on Friday. The case in question was adjourned until 3rd July. Across in York, **KL-FM** (97.95) were heard on Friday night (9th) with a good mono signal. It was stated that they would be back at 6pm Sunday, but nothing was heard - perhaps they had changed location. Elsewhere, **W.L.N.G.** (104.9) were heard with a test transmission at 20:00, on Thursday 8th June. Deejay was Ricky Sellars, who apologised for the long break. Reception reports were requested c/o Media Promotions, P.O. Box 32, Scunthorpe. Regular programmes were promised within the next few weeks. In Hull, neither Dolpin or Takoradi have been heard some time. **North Midlands Radio** were reported as active again last weekend, on 105.5, and are apparently considering a move to 98, to avoid interference from the other stations who have recently appeared in this area of the band.

Manchester / Cheshire : A new station called **I.B.C. Sunrise FM** was heard on Sunday 4th June on 104.3MHz. The signal was in mono, and was noted in the afternoon, with deejay Mark Rhodes giving out a line-up for the rest of the evening. An address of 38 Westgate Avenue, Bury, Lancs. was given out, and tx power was mentioned as 50 watts.

The South Coast Region: This area has been neglected by us of late, simply because no one has written in and told us of the action noted! Anyway, this week, we received a letter from Nick in Kent who informs us of the following.... **'Radio Atlantis FM'** is on every month (not every four weeks) on 105.3. We cover west Kent and east Sussex from 7pm - 9pm Sundays. We have had three raids by the DTI to date, hence the once a month transmissions (no one was caught, incidentally, just tx equipment taken).

U.S.T. Radio (105.2 - Underground Surrealist Transmissions) were raided on 28th May. They had been on each Sunday from 9pm till midnight for 14 weeks. They cover S.E. Kent with 30 watts of power and have even been heard in London. However, they decided to stay off the air for about 5 weeks to let things cool down on the DTI front.

Further across in Southampton, David reports that two stations have been active recently. **Channel Radio** operated on Bank Holiday Monday on 105MHz., and on Sunday 28th May a new station called **Islanders FM** was noted around 92.4MHz. A professional female deejay was heard, and listeners were told to listen out for future broadcasts.

Bristol: **Savage Yet Tender Radio** have been on the air for the past two Sundays. On 4th June, Doug Savage was once again without partner Pete Tender, and went on to describe the apathy of the other presenters, which has grounded the station the previous week, as pitiful. He went on to say that if the trend continued, they would be back to one hour per week, by their first birthday. The following Sunday (11th) programming began at 18:30 on 104.4MHz. Pete tender was back this week, and mentioned that the first 'S.Y.T. Roadshow' would be held on Sunday 25th June at the 'Arnolfini'

arts centre, and would feature several well-known faces from the station.

The Midlands: We failed to mention last week, **Wolverhampton Community Radio** who obtained a license to operate two weekends ago, on the medium wave band. The authorities gave them 1530kHz., which was rather a poor choice (was it deliberate?), as the signal was interfered with by Radio Wyvern. Despite this, the station attracted a mass of 'pirate' presenters from stations all across the Midlands, and we understand that a great time was had by all - without the threat of any DoTI Men appearing.

Several stations have had 'bitty' schedules again, suggesting more DTI activity, however daily broadcasts have been heard from **Freedom FM** (102.0), **Metro Radio** (104.95-stereo) and **Powerhouse Radio** (105.3v). Even the 'noisy carrier' has gone from 103.6, which means that neither Supreme nor Power 92 FM have been heard for several weeks. We understand from one correspondent, that 103.6 may have disappeared due to a local BBC test on 103.7MHz., for Coventry and Warwickshire. Also, the IBA is about to announce the successful(!) applicant for the Birmingham Community franchise, which both stations have applied for. **Skyline Radio** (94.3) has possibly gone back to weekend operation, as they were noted Friday, Saturday and Sunday, but not since. Also heard over the weekend were... **Birmingham Weekend Radio** (105.6v)[Address : BWR, c/o Room 3, Flat 4, Almond House, 3 Betts Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 1NS.], **Centre Radio** (99.2v), **Sangam Radio** (89.8), **Rise FM** (104.35), **WKS** (102.3) and **UK Radio** (1413kHz + 105.65). The Asian on 105.6 has not been heard since last week. Finally, new is **Base Station FM**, which has been noted from mid-week on 106.0MHz.

LONDON SURVEY - 5th - 11th June 1989:

Confirmation has been hard to come by but it looks as though the warm weather has finally stirred the slumbering behemoths who reside beside the river and are finally awakening after an extended period of forced inactivity. At the beginning of the week, **SWITCH FM** (92.65), **CRYSTAL RADIO** (92.35), **GREEK C.R.** (104.40), **GREEN APPLE** (98.35) and '98.6' all went missing. Midweek and it looked like newcomers, **CENTRE FORCE** (88.30) received their first visit from the DoTI Men, whilst the guys nearby at **SUNRISE** (88.80) have lost count of the number of transmitters that have gone missing for one reason or another. Saturday and Sunday saw **CRN** (90.70), **LAZER** (94.00 st.), **REFLECTIONS** (96.90), **FRESH** (103.35), **OBSESSION** (104.20), **GREEK C.R.** (again! 104.40) and out of towners, **STOMP FM** (105.35) all go on the missing list. The reason for the non-appearance or rapid disappearance of virtually all the rock stations (RFL / RFM - 92.05, LONDON ROCK - 98.40, VERONICA GOLD - 101.75 and JENNIFER - 96.20) is not known at this time. JENNIFER could be having technical problems as the sound of a malfunctioning transmitter could be heard late on Sunday. The numbers missing are far too high for it to be technical problems alone, although it may be that many of the tx's have had an unexpectedly long run and could be wearing out! This could mean that the rogue transmitters at WLR, and this week at FRESH and MEDINA, may at last be taken away. Strangely, whilst 'The Soul Destroyers' took the FRESH tx, they left WLR's alone, to wander lonely as a cloud. If the DoTI Men have them away, then the stations will have to replace them with something (hopefully) better. Meanwhile, WLR's (101.95 nominal) dash in ever decreasing circles has now slowed to a walk, but it has still been noted wandering anywhere between 101.90 and 102.05 this weekend.

FUTURE RADIO (105.75) were thought at one stage to be the returned Tropical Radio, as they turned up on the 'Tropical slot', but have now moved back up to 105.75 and surprisingly have stayed there all week. All the more surprising for their longevity is the fact that they have been putting out a ghetto blasting signal and still they have not been 'chopped'. Also on the move was **STAGE FM** who have now gone to a full time 7 / 24 schedule, when they tried out 98.25 in mid week, before settling back down to the more normal 98.00. The 98 sector was again very busy this week and that was despite the non-appearance of the rock cassette crusaders, London Rock (98.40). Their no-show may have had something to do with mayhem caused by the test tape loop put out by **MAGIC FM** (98.35) who came up very loudly in the south London area on Saturday morning over the top of west London weekenders, **GREEN APPLE** (98.30) and stayed there until Sunday afternoon, when they went off - possibly at the hands of the DoTI Men. The past

few week's official inactivity may have persuaded reclusive Beatle obsession main man, Mike Summers (now calling himself Mike Holly, and yes, there is a Beatle connection in that name!) that it was worth trying again and the tape was run to test official reaction. It was just his luck that they now seem to be making a concerted effort to make up for lost time. Magic have never settled for long in any one slot, so may well appear again at the opposite end of the dial in a week or two. Magic were last heard in March of this year on the nearby 98.05 slot, when they made an abortive attempt to be the first pop-based non-commercial Privateer to go 7 / 24 since the demise of Radio Jackie.

Q 102 (101.75 st.) were testing on Friday evening without the help of crime inciting Joe Walker. Things didn't appear to be going too well at first as frequent breaks were noted. However, it came together later and they had a full Saturday.

LAZER (94.00 st.) soul boy, Lenny Groves, has started an on air side line, with a Lonely Hearts Club of the air, called *Midnight Lovers*. This has been especially tailored by the aforementioned Mr Groves for those who are without someone to cuddle up to in their snug east London love nests. Some have already sent in a picture and a long letter about themselves and cool Lenny has promised to read the letters out over the air and try and match the couples up. That's fine, but why is he so insistent that the girls include their 'phone numbers with the letters?

A number of stations have been on the move again this week. SWITCH FM has now moved up into the spot vacated by Star Radio, 92.95. This was probabaly necessitated by the impending return of STUDIO FM, who claimed back their 92.65 slot last Saturday, only to go missing within 24 hours. As well as the return of Studio, this week saw the return of errant soul boys from south London's CHIC FM (89.95), who made a fleeting appearance on Friday night with a very localised signal in south London.

One of the odder moments this week was when CENTRE FORCE (88.20) were heard playing Elgar's Pomp and Circumstance, better know to you and me as 'Land of Hope and Glory'. The effect was somewhat lessened when it was back announced as a new 'House' hit!

Stations heard this week.... CENTRE FORCE (88.20), SUNRISE (88.80), CHIC FM (89.95), LONDON ARAB (89.75), RJR (90.00), RTR (90.15), SUPREME (90.45), CRN (90.70), LIGHTNING (90.90), TWILIGHT (91.75), CRYSTAL (92.35), STUDIO (92.65), SWITCH (92.65/92.95), STARPOINT (93.20 st.), LAZER (94.00 st.), CCR (94.30), CITY (94.50), REFLECTIONS (96.90), BREEZE FM (96.95), STAGE (98.00), City Side (? 98.20), Magic (? 98.30), GREEN APPLE (98.35), Soul (98.45), Q 102 (101.70 st.), WLR (101.95 nominal), MEDINA (102.30), WIBS (102.45). SLR (102.75), FRESH (103.25), PEOPLES (103.65), OBSESSION (104.20), GREEK C.R. (104.40), STOMP (105.35), ICR (105.65) and FUTURE (105.75). A grand total of 36, but with only 3 in stereo.

SHORT WAVE STATIONS:

Allen in Burnley writes and tells us that he logged a station on 6317kHz. on Thursday 8th June at 20:35 BST. They closed down about fifteen minutes later saying they were testing and giving out an address which was difficult to read because of heavy QRM, but included the word 'Newport' (?). We thought it could have been Radio Confusion (who use the French Radio Waves address) as they were noted the previous Thursday, but following Sunday's logs, now know it was R.F.M., who gave out an address of 105 Newport Road, Leyton, London E10 6PH. We don't think the two stations are connected. The address given is the same as the London FM station of the same name.

Amendments to last Sunday but one's log now (4th), from Radiotelex..... 6273kHz., Radio Santana at. 11:05..... 7310kHz., Radio Black Power at 10:10..... 7372kHz., Union Radio at 09:15... 7374kHz., Radio Scorpio at 08:10..... 15019kHz., Radio 101 at 08:01gmt.

Log for Saturday 10th June 1989:

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 09:17gmt.

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 23:49gmt.

6273kHz...UNID., at 10:15gmt.

6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:21 and s/o at 13:04gmt.

6912kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 13:06gmt.

Again, the unidentified was likely to have been TNR (Triangle Night-time) Radio.

Log for Sunday 11th June 1989:

6200kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 11:58gmt(G)(M)(R)

6203kHz...RADIO TONAIR, at 10:15gmt(M)

6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 00:01gmt.

6215kHz...WORLD MISSION RADIO, at 06:59gmt.

6228kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 07:41gmt(G)(M)(R)

6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 08:13gmt(G)(S)(R)

6230kHz...BRITAIN RADIO L, at 09:35(N)(G)(H)(M)(S)(R)

6235kHz...UNID., at 10.34gmt(N).

6273kHz...TNR (Triangle Radio), at 08:16gmt(M)(R)

6275kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 08:18gmt(G)(M)(S)

6275kHz...WFRL, at 09:00gmt(N)(G)(M)(S)

6289kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:50gmt(M)

6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:17gmt(N)(G)(M)(S)(R)

6305kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 10:19gmt(G)(M)(S)(R)

6317kHz...R.F.M. Short Wave, at 08:10gmt(M)(H)(G)(S)

6319kHz...RADIO STELLA INT., at 07:48gmt(N)(M)(S)(R)

6319kHz...STAR INT., at 08:27gmt(M)

6815kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 10:00(N)(G)(M)(S)(R)

6870kHz...UNDERGROUND SOUNDS, at 10:32gmt(G)(M)(R)

6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:51gmt(R)

6912kHz...WORLD MUSIC RADIO, at 08:31gmt(H)

6912kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:35gmt(N)(G)(S)

7374kHz...UNID., at 08:01gmt(M)

7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:36gmt(R)

7490kHz...VOICE of the NETHERLANDS, at 10:03gmt(M)(R)

15019kHz..RADIO 101, at 09:11gmt.

25995kHz..RADIO ORION, at 16:49gmt(M).

Conditions today were very variable, with some excellent signals noted, but with an excessive number of quite rapid but deep fades. Each signal, with only the odd exception, had its moments though, resulting in only one remaining unidentified by us.

The logs in **BOLD** type are ours from Blackpool. Others kindly supplied logs and are marked thus....Dave in Norwich (N), Pete in Gloucester (G), Neal in the midlands (M), Andy in Hull (H), Stuart in Staffs. (S) and Ken in Rotherham (R).

The signals: Well it was a job keeping up with them. First one loud and clear then the next and so on. The very best signal noted was 6289 and this was unbelievable (almost BBC WS league!). The worst was 7375 and that resulted in no identification by us and in only one identification elsewhere. Even the 6.8 section and 7490 peaked today. Despite all this, the conditions denied us the chance of hearing quite a few, whose signals in other parts of the country were quite acceptable. Heterodynes (more than one!) were noted around 6270/6275 with three operators identified eventually. A heterodyne was noted around 6319 too, at about 09:00, although we only identified the one operator.

The programmes: It was 'musical chairs' today with stations shifting around to avoid each other. Laser, who moved to 6275 last week, to avoid BRI (who this week celebrated their 9th birthday), clashed with WFRL (we suspected this would happen) and for a time neither were readable at this QTH. However, Laser came out on top with a powerful signal noted later. They then moved to 6200, but then clashed with 'a Dutch station' (Tonair), resulting in a final move to QSO on 6235, although one logger claimed he thought they were on 6235 earlier. Both Laser and WFRL were on around 6275 for some time, causing a variable heterodyne, (one of the tx's was unstable by a few Hz.). Both heterodyned with TNR giving a much higher note. Tonair asked for reports on his 'modulations', which we can say were very good this week. He gave out the address Postbus 94, Zedam, Holland, which is understood to be the address of Radio Torenvalk! Orion shifted to 6289 (to avoid Jolly Roger on 6305?) and this proved a great success with a massive clear signal, although they did add that they were attempting to put out a listenable signal for anyone with a basic receiver. They closed early, at 12:00, mentioning they were all going to a nearby radio rally, although said they would return later on a higher frequency. Jolly Roger on 6305 may have been relayed by Waves (?). Stella with Jock Wilson surprised us so early and this changed to Star later, who we heard sign off at 09:25. Nothing more was then heard from 6319. Falcon peaked early but could not be traced later (?). World Music Radio was relayed via Dublin once again, with non-stop music being noted before and normal Dublin programmes after.

Our thanks to all contributers for another mass of info received this week.

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NEW ARRIVALS: The first two are both newcomers, one from last Saturday comes from America.... 'The Pirate Pages', issue 3 is a simple folded sheet, but packed with a lot of small type (but with many abbreviations and much American slang) dealing with pirate activity and by far the most accurate and up to date source of North American pirate information. In Europe, PiPa costs \$7 for 12 issues, or an economy rate of \$5, if they send 2 issues 6 times a year, from 3007R 4th Ave., Beaver Falls, PA 15010, U.S.A..... From Norway now, 'Radio in Ireland & the U.K. 1989'. This well presented 48 x A5 booklet lists all radio stations in frequency order and then goes on to list the individual station schedules. It also includes the Irish pirates, Caroline, Atlantic 252 and the already announced 'incrementals'. A lot of work has gone into this publication which really is one of the most thorough we have seen as yet and highly recommended. Along with it, there is another booklet with 16 x A5 pages called 'Norwegian Naer - Radio'. This one lists all non-governmental (community) broadcasting stations in Norway. To get your copies, send £5 or 8 IRC's or 50 Norwegian Kr. to Bernt Erfjord, Hellemyrtoppen 56, N-4628 Kristiansand, Norway. (Postgiro details... 4 71 91 75 ...). Now Radio, issue 114, 32 x A5 pages of radio news (and stories), from P.O. Box 45, Kettering, Northants. NN16 0NW.

WANTED: I've recently become addicted to the 'radio hams' on around 145MHz. and am wondering if any WR readers are interested or involved themselves. If so, please contact me, Doug Sharrard at 64 Brighton Road, Leicester LE5 0HA.

WANTED: Some American radio station jingles revolving around the slogan '101' (e.g. 'Hot 101', etc., etc.)... contact A-UK on (0253) 882017.

WANTED: Jingle collector wishes to swap any jingles, American or English, with any other collector. Write Chris at 55 Penhill Crescent, Worcester WR2 5PU, enclosing SAE.

AVAILABLE: Anchor Productions new sales list is now out (it includes many new Caroline recordings). Send 2 x 14p stamps to 73 Middle Mead, Hook, Hants. RG27 9NX.

RADIO STATION NEWS....EIRE:

It has been decided that despite not being a pirate (the British authorities disagree though!), we are going to follow the fortunes of the new Irish long wave station under this heading, from now on....

Atlantic 252: A package of photos arrived first mail Saturday, showing the completed tower as it stood on Thursday (15th June 1989), following 'topping out'. The dramatic photos are superb and the massive mast (it's over 800' high, and we thought Blackpool Tower was high at just over 500'!) fills the frame of the photo despite the photographer (to whom our sincere thanks go), being quite some distance away. One shot includes a nearby bungalow and the mast appears to be in the back garden, with one guy wire going to the ridge of the building! Words with those involved confirmed the 'topping out' but they pointed out that a lot has still to be done now the mast is completed. All the same, they expect tests to be carried out in July, in readiness for their September start.

Still with the 'legal' side, a tip off on Tuesday afternoon had us tuning to 104.4MHz. (not a good channel as our local BBC is on 104.5) and lo and behold a very strong signal putting out test tones. Apparently the transmitter (on Three Rock mountain just behind Dublin) is for Capital Radio, one of the two new Dublin locals which are subject to extensive delays because of the Robbie Robinson court case. On mentioning this, the caller stated that everything was sorted out now and things were going ahead. We were puzzled by this and not convinced, but had to admit that if they had got as far as getting a transmitter on the air, perhaps he was in some ways right. The 'Century' FM transmitter is to be sited on the same mountain we understand and the frequency is to be 100.3, so it looks like Radio Dublin may have to move away slightly to avoid aggravating the authorities who won't want any pirates too near (in case they listen to them instead!). They plan to be on air soon (they say!), so the transmitter is likely to be active sooner rather than later.

Co. Dublin: Despite constant checking, we seemed to miss 'Captain' Eamon Cooke's Radio Dublin station news. He certainly did not appear at his usual time ('about 1:30'). We had hoped to hear his comments on the election. Apparently no one else heard him either, so maybe he was A.W.O.L!

The station is clearly audible here on all frequencies at the moment, 1188, 6910 and 100.00MHz., thanks to all round superb conditions. One or two problems have been noted

of late, mainly with the microphone level, but also with absent D.J.'s, resulting in some 'dead air' on occasions. Yet more old names from the past have been noted from time to time..

There was no trace of Premier 212 either, last Sunday, on 1413kHz., but a colleague in the city said he heard them (possibly just on FM?). K - FM were noted on 98.7 on Thursday 15th, during the afternoon. The station just appeared for the day and featured amongst others on air, Gerry Marsden, late of Radio Dublin. Another station was noted on Monday 19th, on 102.05 playing continuous music and odd jingles from other stations. It has been noted several times of late, in the evenings.

Co. Louth: Another 'phone call Sunday afternoon alerted us yet again to further FM activity noted. Continuous music was being heard on 103.25, home of Zee 103 until the end of 1989. A quick check by us and there it was playing away loud and clear. On Monday, the frequency was checked and a very strong blank carrier was noted early and throughout the day, although checks later in the week revealed nothing. Our correspondent over there tells us that they have changed their name to Magic 103, using American made jingles. They surfaced initially on Friday (16th) at 21:30 and went right through till Monday (19th) at 01:12. D.J.'s noted were... Roy McKee (owner), Graham Marks, Noel McStay and Mike Miller, but much non-stop music was evident (this is what we heard).

A weekend scan found life on 1152kHz. again, at least noises suggesting Summertime Sound was active. They seem to have adopted the same schedule as last time they were on air (using a different name), namely Friday, Saturday and Sundays only, although apparently they had some audio problems the first week resulting in leaving the airwaves early on the Saturday. The problems solved, they returned Sunday, but the AM signal does not seem to have been as strong since. Our colleague heard them around midday Friday, until 7pm., 8am till 7pm Saturday and Sunday, but not since, although their FM tx is still on with a blank carrier.

He adds... 'This now brings the number of radio stations based around the border and broadcasting into the north to six. Of these, Star Country, Northside, WABC and Riverside broadcast daily, with Summertime Sounds and Magic 103 just at the weekends.'

Co. Donegal: The continued excellent FM conditions last weekend allowed us at least to have some extra choice of radio listening and apart from the mass of foreigners periodically appearing courtesy of 'Sporadic E' conditions (even swamping the Radio 1 signal at times!), we were still able to listen to the excellent programmes of WABC on 101.7MHz. A rather good 'solid gold Sunday' runs from 09:00 until 18:00 each week and is worth checking out by those in the listening area. Unfortunately we are still unable to receive the FM signals from nearby Northside Radio (lower power or poor part of the band?), on 97.9 / 98.0MHz.

OFFSHORE STATIONS:

The Voice of Peace: Lack of spare time (due to studies) by our friends in Israel, plus lack of news has meant little to report in this section of late.

Monday (5th) saw Kenny Page and Ofer Nacshon, both leave the ship for shore leave. They were replaced by just Dave Lee, full of a cold (even in those climates!), for his final stint before he heads for home. Kenny returned on 13th on which day Abie went on the air relating his experiences on his recent journey to Poland.

Current line-up on 14th reads... 00:00 John McDonald, 03:00 Dave Lee, 06:00 Kenny Page, 09:00 John McDonald, 12:00 Non-stop music, 13:00 Ricky Marks, 14:00 Kenny Page, 15:00 Abie Nathan (phone-in show), 16:00 Richard West, 17:00 Kenny Page, 18:00 Dave Lee, 19:30 Ricky Marks, 21:00 Richard West.

m.v. Nannell: Absolutely no further news as yet on this front, although with the mast now up and the vessel seaworthy, one would think the next move would be to try and get it to the North Sea as soon as possible, whilst the weather is reasonably calm. As reported elsewhere, one attempt was made but the vessel had to return to port when the guys to the mast came loose.

m.v. Communicator: Word received from a caller told us that one of the info-lines carried a report that tests had been heard on 578kHz. We think it is highly unlikely, but will gladly stand to be corrected should the story prove true. As far as we know the masts are still lying on the

deck of the ship, but with excellent weather conditions of late, who knows what might have happened!

Caroline 558: As briefly mentioned in last week's issue, Wednesday 14th June saw a crew change on the Ross, with several re-vitalised D.J.'s returning, Dave Richards, Neil Gates, Nigel Harris and Rob Harrison, along with one new voice, Shaun Taylor. 'Coconut' has not been heard since, nor has Nick Jackson, suggesting both may have returned to land. We also understand that Ian Mack is back on board but we have not heard him on air.

Dave Richards hosted his first show, using his original name, for a number of years, at 05:00 on Wednesday. It was Nigel Harris's first programme too, for many months, at 09:00 the same morning. This only lasted for one hour, however, as the station signed off at 10:00 for 'aerial maintenance' (mentioned last week). Nothing more was heard until 21:39 when just a snippet of a record was noted before the signal cut off. A carrier returned at 21:48 but it was not until around midnight that full programming returned. The line-up for Thursday (15th) read.... 01:00 Max Buchanan, 05:00 Dave Richards, 09:00 Nigel Harris, 13:00 Neil Gates, 16:00 Philip John, 19:00 Shaun Taylor, 22:00 Chris Adams. The station closed at 02:00 on Friday morning, with Max Buchanan announcing that the station would be back at 05:00, which it duly was, although Dave Richards did not appear until a little later, blaming Max for not waking him up in time!

Nigel Harris took the weekend off, as far as programming was concerned and the line-up for both days read... 05:00 Max, 09:00 Sean, 13:00 Philip, 17:00 Dave, 21:00 Neil. The latter hosted 02:00 till 05:00 Saturday and Chris did 01:00 till 05:00 Sunday, returning to more or less the pre-weekend line-up at 05:00 Monday. Limited listening again has thwarted our attempts to give the latest exact line-up, but quick checks on Thursday confirmed the line-up printed above, although Rob Harrison was heard hosting the early evening session asking listeners to join him later on 819.

The change of staff has once again meant a slight change of format, with the 'old hands' bringing back a certain amount of enthusiasm (along with a better selection of music! keep it up!). The talkative Shaun is no newcomer to radio (the talking should tell you which type!) and it did not take too long for several of our readers to spot who he was. Again plenty of enthusiasm from this 'new to Caroline' man. Rough weather mid week, in the North Sea, brought many comments from the on-air jocks and it just goes to show how the conditions can suddenly change from flat calm, with everyone on the back deck sunbathing one day, to rough seas and the D.J. having to hang on for his life in the studio, the next.

Caroline 819: Going back to Wednesday 14th and, as 558, the Dutch service left the air at 10:00, the transmitter returning around midnight, when Philip John was subsequently noted, eventually handing over to 'new boy', Shaun Taylor, who finished off that evening's rock shows. This format of Philip hosting the early part and Shaun the later part, has continued since, with the exception of the regular Saturday night Dutch extension through the night. Again, as with 558, there was an early planned close at 02:00 on Friday morning. Viewpoint programmes have been extended slightly, with the exception of Friday night, and Caroline 819 now usually commences at 22:15 (23:00 Sundays).

Some of the special sections in the 819 shows heard recently, include 'the Personal Top 5', 'Featured Album' and, at 01:00 (approx.), 'The Ross Recipe' (simple baking recipes). The station has been identifying itself as 'Frequency Radio 819' on ID's and sign-offs.

World Mission Radio: As well as increased religious programming on Viewpoint, there seems to be more and more religious output appearing on 6215. The DX programme has not been heard for some weeks and it is now believed that the show may now only appear once per month.

LAND-BASED STATIONS:

Merseyside: Going back to last Friday, the band was rather quiet with only TCR (Toxteth Community Radio - 104.9) and Radio Atlantis (1197) noted. The latter ran through until Stephen Bishop closed the station for the night at midnight.

There was no trace of any others at all on this day, at this location, although a colleague noted North Coast Radio (1350) at around 18:00.

Saturday saw TCR, NCR, RA and Radio Merseywaves,

although NCR and RM seem to have a much reduced schedule, probably due to a lack of staff at this stage.

Sunday saw NCR and RA both active by 10:00, TCR by lunch and RM by late afternoon. There was no trace of Veronica 104 despite good conditions (lack of logging time did not exactly help either).

Monday, and the two main stations, TCR and RA, were joined by the return of 'Kiss FM' on 97.1, at 07:00. The station had been on air some weeks previously, testing on this channel, and now appears to have returned proper, although as yet, only music and taped announcements, identifying and seeking advertisers, has been noted. We understand that presented shows may commence at the weekends, from 1st July. Prospective advertisers are invited to contact Kiss Promotions on (051) 639 7476. The same three were noted throughout the rest of the week.

Manchester and Cheshire: It is reported that **Outlook 963** made a return last Sunday (18th), although we missed it due to our absence in the evening. Not much more is known at this stage, but we assume a full evening's religious broadcasts were carried. We await to see if the midlands 'Outlook 963' is reported later in the week. We understand that the operator is seeking a Glasgow outlet to carry the programmes. If any station is interested they may like to get in touch with us and we will pass their name(s) on.

In the city area, reported active this past weekend (we are unable ever to receive any FM signals from Manchester, due to the fact that Winter Hill is bang in the way).... **Lazer FM** (103.55), **Unity FM** (104.8), **WBLS** (102.4 - evenings only), **Superfresh FM** (98.3 - evenings only) and **IBC / Sunrise FM** (104.3 - just Sundays). The latter gave out a mailing address of 38 Westgate Ave., Bury but listeners were asked not to visit in person. Programming lasted from early afternoon until very late evening and many requests etc., were noted.

Birmingham / The Midlands: **Base Station FM** is one of two new stations that has been heard broadcasting recently in this area. They have been noted on 106.0 since 14th June. The contact address is 16 Jenks Avenue, Kinver DY7 6AQ... Tel: (0384) 394688. The other is **Big Time Radio** who have been heard on 104.3 on 12th, 16th, 17th and 18th June (the date of this midlands report).

BWR (Birmingham Weekend Radio - 105.75) was active again last weekend (16th and 17th), giving out an address of Room 3, Flat 4, Almond House, 3 Betts Road, Handsworth Wood, Birmingham B20 1NS... Tel (0836) 510029. **Freedom FM** (102.0), they were noted daily in the afternoons and evenings... c/o 37 Maslen Place, Halesowen, West Midlands B63 3BU... Tel: ((0384) 455254. On Tuesday evening (19th) all the D.J.'s were in the studio and produced a fun programme. Phone calls were received from far and wide, but mainly from the Wolverhampton area. Deejays on the station include... Steve Kennedy, Paul Davis, Wayne James and Gary Benson.

Fresh FM returned on 93.85 on Sunday morning after many weeks absent.

KNR Radio continues to be heard broadcasting on most days, usually in the evenings, on varying frequencies around 101 (100.82 to 101.55 have been noted). **WKS** (102.3) were heard on most evenings of last week. More daily ones noted.... **Metro FM** (104.9 st.).. c/o Non-Stop Records, 14 St. Martins House Parade, Bull Ring, Birmingham... Tel: (021) 359 2505, **Powerhouse Radio** (105.20, but with reduced hours), c/o 2 Greenwood Avenue, Rowley Regis, Warley, West Midlands B65 9NL and **Radio Milen** (105.6).

A few weekenders only now.... **Sabotage FM** (107.2), **Radio Sangam** (89.8, Asian), **Skyline Radio** from Wolverhampton (94.2), **U.K. Radio / U.K. 212** (105.65 but also announcing 1413kHz.). The unidentified Asian station continues to be heard with evening broadcasts on around 105 / 106MHz.

Worcester: Another station has returned to the airwaves in this area, on 101 FM, after being raided and fined £200 last May - **Radio Sunshine**. They seem quite powerful we are told and play a varied selection of music from the 60's, 70's and 80's.

Nottingham: **Heatwave Community Radio** (105.1) have been heard all week. The only problems encountered seem to have been technical rather than the DTI.

Leicestershire: A correspondent writes and tells us that on Monday evening (19th) he logged a test transmission at 22:10 playing reggae music. The D.J. announced... 'tune into **Power Community Radio** on 101 between 9pm and midnight every Friday night - live from Leicester'. At

22:22 the station disappeared mid-record. Reception was poor in his area, but he goes on to say that it has been six years since the city had a pirate radio station (it was quite famous many years ago for all its various pirate stations!). Despite not being his personal choice in music, he said it was great that someone had the guts to go ahead and challenge the BBC and IBA in that area, who 'do not give a damn about alternative music'.

Newcastle: There was a surprise last weekend when a correspondent stumbled upon **S.T.S. Radio**, announcing 94.6MHz., for the first time since last Autumn. It is thought they were on air all weekend. Familiar voices from last year, including 'the shady lady' who was heard throughout the latter part of Sunday evening, were noted. The music was reggae and the station sounded as if they had never been off the air.

Yorkshire, Humberside and Derbyshire: **Paradise City Radio** (104.95 st.) is understood to have moved its location in Bradford and as a result, not getting out as well to the south.

In Leeds, **Rapid FM** (105.25) now appears to have a full line-up of staff once, headed by 'The Godfather'. On Sunday night, one could have imagined a shoot-out on the band, between 105 and 106 (Rapid and **WYBC**). The latter upped their audio level, followed by Rapid and subsequently WYBC again. By the end of Sunday night both stations were running very distorted signals! Sense now seems to have prevailed once more and both signals are now at an acceptable level.

In Sheffield, **Diamond Radio** has not been heard again this week, but **Sheffield Community Radio** (105.2) has operated every day, 24 hours at weekends. Thursday 15th June saw another one off broadcast from **Classic Music Radio** on 97.95 stereo. **Exocet FM** (99.3) were monitored the following afternoon with wall to wall music and spoken ID's. Both these stations are still mysteries as no telephone numbers or addresses are given out. Finally, **Radio Britannia** made a regular Tuesday evening broadcast from 19:00 to 21:00, on 99.2 in stereo. Kenny had competition this week, not only from SCR, who were operating daily, but also from the return of **Rebel Radio** on 105.4. Rebel's signal was well down on previous efforts and they were being splattered by SCR in the south and by Rapid FM in the north.

London: Regretably, due to late mail deliveries, obviously caused by the mid-week rail strike, the London Survey has failed to arrive on time. We apologise to all and assure everyone that all the news and reports from this area will be carried in next week's issue

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Log for Saturday 17th June 1989:

6215kHz...W.M.R., at 09:25gmt.
6215kHz...CAROLINE 558, at 23:50gmt.
6230kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:20gmt.
6273kHz...N.I. Short Wave Relay Service, at 12:30gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 11:26gmt.
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 09:43gmt.
25995kHz...RADIO ORION, at 14:15gmt(M)

Log for Sunday 18th June 1989:

6200kHz...RADIO LASER INT., at 09:22gmt(G)(M)(H)(R)(S²)
6215kHz...W.M.R., at 07:12gmt.
6230kHz...JOLLY ROGER RADIO, at 06:44gmt(R)
6230kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 08:17 & 10:04(S)(G)(M)(R)
6230kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 07:17 & 09:21(S)(G)(M)
6240kHz...RADIO TOWER, at 08:20gmt(S)(G)(M)(H)(R)
6240kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (QSO?), at 11:44(G)
6273kHz...ROCK RADIO INT., at 08:17gmt.
6273kHz...TNR FM/N.I. S/W SERVICE, at 13:25(S)(G)(R)
6275kHz...RADIO MARABU at 08:18gmt(G)(M)(H)(R)
6280kHz...WESTSIDE RADIO INT., at 09:31gmt(S)(G)(M)(R)
6282kHz...UNID., at 08:36gmt.
6299kHz...RADIO ORION, at 10:18gmt(S)(G)(M)(H)(R)(R)(S²)
6299kHz...RADIO SOUTHSEA INT., at 13:10gmt.
6308kHz...RADIO CONFUSION, at 09:04(S)(G)(M)(H)(R)(S²)
6310kHz...WEEKEND MUSIC RADIO (tests?), at 12:04(M)
6317kHz...R - FM Short Wave, at 11:41gmt(R)
6318kHz...RADIO MARABU, at 08:55gmt(S²)
6815kHz...R. EAST COAST COMM., at 13:02(S)(G)(M)(H)(R)
6875kHz...FALCON RADIO, at 07:40gmt(M)(R)
6911kHz...RADIO DUBLIN, at 07:57gmt(S)(G)(R)(S²)
7374kHz...RADIO LUCE INT., at 07:45gmt(G)
7374kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:55gmt(R)
7440kHz...RADIO VANESSA(?), at 07:11gmt(M)
7440kHz...RADIO WAVES INT., at 07:59gmt(G)(M)(R)
7440kHz...4IFR, at 09:05gmt(S²).
7480kHz...RADIO SHALEEN(?), at 08:02gmt(M)(R)
25995kHz...RADIO ORION, at 12:10gmt(M)

The Conditions today seemed quite good, with most stations noted loud and clear for most of the time. There were odd fades but they were only brief and not very deep this week. Even the 7MHz. section opened up today!

The Logs in **BOLD** type are ours, here in Blackpool. Other logs were kindly submitted by other correspondents and are marked accordingly in the list above..... Stuart in Staffs. (S), Pete in Gloucester (G), Neal in the midlands (M), Andy in Hull (H), Ken in Rotherham (R) and SSM-Surrey(S²).

The Signals were generally good as a result of the condition, the worst here by far was 6282, which remained unidentified, (even 7374 was audible at times today!). The best, again, was 6200, although 6240, 6280, 6299, 6308 and 7480 were all very good. Heterodynes were noted around 6273/6275 and also 6280 / 6282.

The Programmes: Laser was its usual lively self until the batteries ran down, whereupon the DTI, who were lying in wait, pounced on the operator who went to change them. As a result, the equipment was confiscated and a prosecution may result. The station hopes to be back very shortly and plans a brief broadcast, either this week or next, to explain to listeners exactly what happened. They have asked us to thank everyone (apparently they have received masses of mail) who has written in for their kind and positive remarks.... Jolly Roger mentioned a new microphone and hoped the voice was clearer. It is wondered if the Waves/Marabu transmissions early and late were on different transmitters or had it simply drifted.... Tower was running a documentary about the popular Dutch rock group, Golden Earring. They also announced tests on 9912kHz., but no reports of this came in to us. Rock Radio returned today, but Triangle FM was used as an identification also. The Northern Ireland Short Wave Relay Service was extensively advertised all day Saturday and Sunday. Programme makers were offered their services by contacting Andy Craig at 105 Bushmills Road, Coleraine, Co. Londonderry, Northern Ireland BT52 2BS.... Westside Radio returned too, 'thanks to the loan of a location from Underground Sounds'. They discussed the radio situation and played a good selection of rock music in between. Prince Terry said it was nice to be back but did not know when they would be on again. We hope they appear each week from now on, although from what was said, this may not happen. Prince Terry said he hoped no one else was on 6280kHz., although he thought not. Actually there was an operator on 6282 which caused a very slight heterodyne, but it was so weak it was almost un-noticeable. It was possibly our friends, the mysterious 'CA' station (Caldonia or Canzoni or California), but why are they always so weak? In fact, no one else seemed to hear them.... Confusion pointed out that they don't use the Waves address, as we had printed, but the Victoria Road, Salisbury one. (Sorry about that - we were obviously confused!).... RFM were active again, but only one logger noted them and he said they were very weak indeed.... RECC was conducting transmitter tests today, consisting of continuous music and an old "Sounds Alternative" programme. The purpose of this was to check out modifications carried out to improve audio quality.... Sky Radio was noted via Dublin very early, but it was possibly tapes rather than a live relay. Radio Dublin are anxious to receive some reception reports for 6911. They wish to know how well it's getting out.... Vanessa was a doubtful one, due to language problems, although more than one identified it. Claymore was also mentioned. here too!.... We had some difficulty identifying 7480 too, despite a cracking signal, but think Radio Shaleen, Shanelle, Charlene or Shaline are 'likelies'. It was German but gave out a Rotterdam address and asked people to contact them after the programme on 0049 281 23039. One logger mentioned VOTN at 07:34 around this frequency, but we are not too certain at this stage if it was actually them.

Generally not a bad day, certainly plenty to listen to. It's on days like this you wish you had several receivers and recorders to get all the material on tape for playing later.

Our thanks as always, to all correspondents, loggers and callers for the useful information submitted.

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